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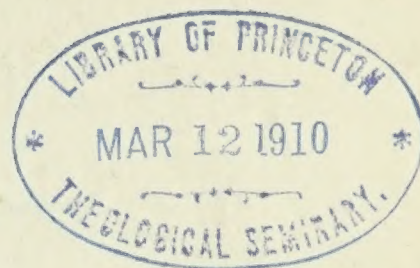
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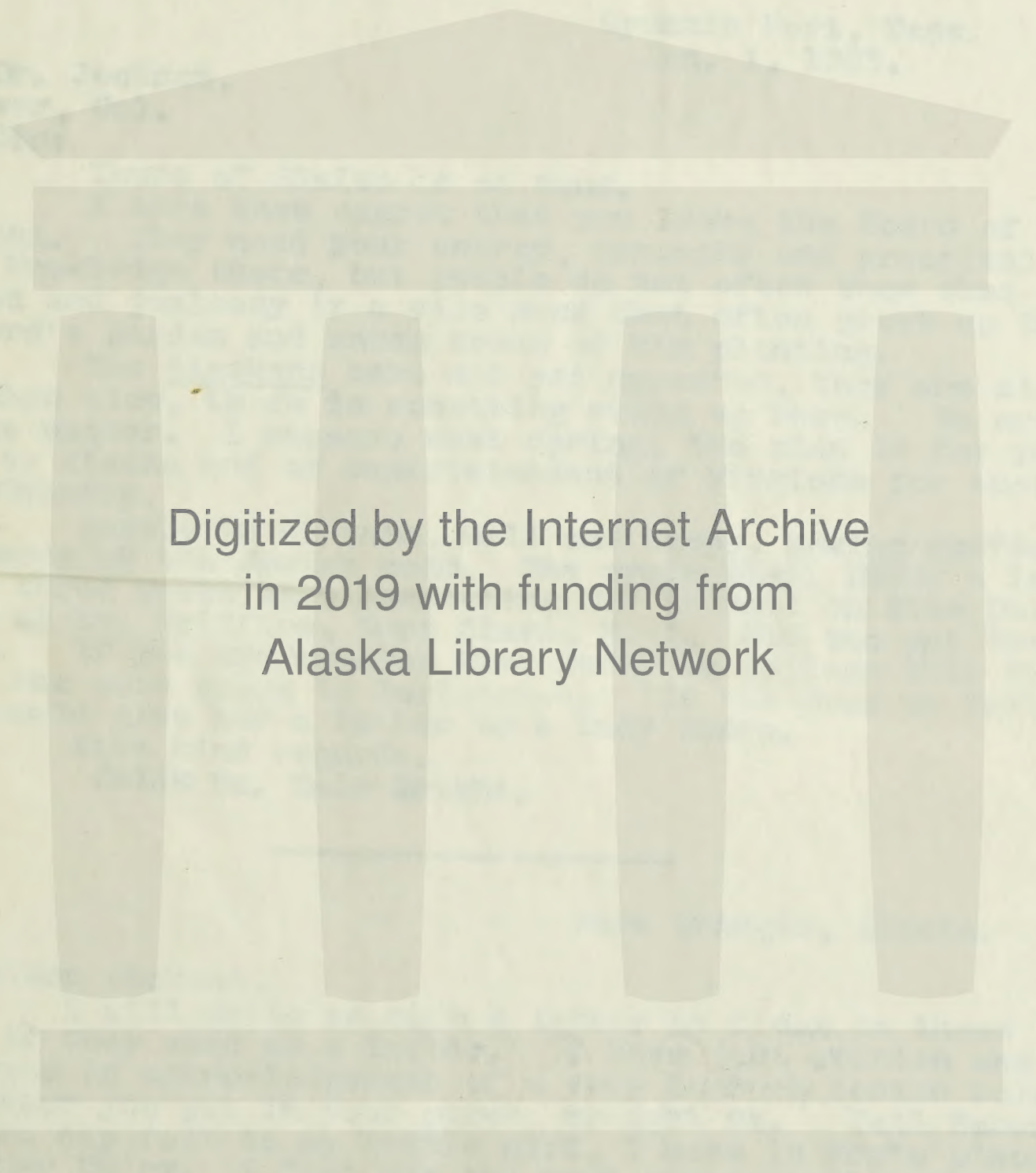
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Hyannis Port, Mass.
Jan. 1, 1883.

Rev. Dr. Jackson,
Denver, Col.
Dear Sir:

Yours of 23rd ulto is at hand.

I more than regret that you leave the Board of Home Missions. They need your energy, sympathy and practical personal knowledge there, but people do not often know what they do need and jealousy is a vile seed that often grows up in the Lord's garden and among trees of his planting.

The Alaskans have not yet appeared, they are slow, more than slow, there is something wrong up here. We are here for the summer. I suppose next spring, the plan is for you to go to Alaska and be Superintendent of Missions for that great Country.

Jessie is at home, well and happy, having carried off the honors of the Junior year. She wrote Miss Daisy a letter two or three weeks ago, requesting her to call on Miss Daisy Castle at Mr. Griffies, Mont Clara, N. J. Did she get the letter. If you are sending Miss Daisy to college this fall, I wish she were going to Burlington. If she does to Halloway I could give her a letter to a lady there.

With kind regards,

Jessie W. Blair Bright.

Fort Wrangle, Alaska.

Dr. Jackson,

I will write as nice a letter as I can to those ladies if they send me a letter. I have just written one to Yankers in acknowledgment of a very handsome letter and that letter you put in your paper, brought me. Tell Jessie, the extra cap full to my little girl, I have in my place, I call her Daisy. I lost Ray the next morning after the shiping. Her mother took her out of the schoolroom.

Doctor and wife both there, they are saying everything now. Mr. Young wants them to leave their steamer but they will not go. Mr. Hill is very warm in favor of sending them to Tongass. I think it would be a perfect imposition on the poor Indian, I don't think them fit to go anywhere. I heard him tell in the pulpit that he had been filled with the Holy

spirit as he calls it, before this he has been quarrelling with the Indians lately, and with some of the white men, so things are in a very bad state. May God overrule all for good, is my fervent prayer.

This is Christmas week and we will be very busy preparing to make thirtysix happy that day. I received a fancy apron apron for the girls with cards for each one, from our Home Society of young girls. They are very pretty and will please the girls. I will close by wishing you all a merry Christmas and a happy new year. Love to Mrs. Jackson and Bessie.

Yours in Christ,
Kate A. Marvin.

Crawfordsville, Ind.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
My dear Brother:

I have been away and on getting home found yours of the 27th. I have worked to condense much into little. I hope it will help you.

If it does, ask Mr. Roberts if it is worth anything to aid a tired college president to a sniff of sea air.

If it is I shall be glad. If it is good for the H. M. but not of money value, still I shall be glad.

If you still have pretty speedily I would get it before leaving home. At any rate it will be sent me. I am booked for several laborious but non-paying preaching trips during next eight days. They say of course a college president belongs to us all.

Joseph F. Tuttle.

My dear Doctor:

Hailey, Alaska.

I omitted to ask a favor of you, to make a special appeal for a good boat, or the price of one about \$100. and furnish the kind needed. I have to cross a dangerous piece of water to reach one of my mission stations, a short time since, on returning by canoe, with two men paddling, I was upset and was in the water for some time, having to wait on landing, three miles over a rough beach, on another occasion, on going through the island I was upset and sunk twice, before being rescued. As my wife accompanies me each trip, I am anxious to secure a good safe boat. So try and stir up the friends to donate sufficient for this, and thus save the valuable lives of a deserving missionary and his wife.

(R.)

Mayna H. Willard.

Jan. 1, 1923.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Sir:

As we hope for an opportunity to send mail to Wrangle in a few days, I spent a little time of the new year in a few details of Jackson items. We have near 400 people in town for the holidays, church well attended, school roll 146 with some yet to come in.

Our people make the best of their opportunities for enjoying the holidays, the history of the last ten days would fill a book, and they have given us much anxiety, yet we have much more occasion for gratitude than despondency, and doubt if more sin has been committed here than in some white settlements of equal numbers, they have learned, and I think appreciate many of them, what Christmas means. Three new houses are in course of erection on the second street from the water front.

I am sorry the mill cannot afford lumber now, they go to the woods, split punkleons and adze them to shape that they want, the houses are alike, look well, and the people are as proud of them as Boston houses, and many visitors here, say they will build Boston houses here, as soon as the mill will give them lumber. While on the house question, I may say we have none of ours yet, for which you may think we lazy.

When I found that you were disappointed about lumber, I set about preparations for a shake house, and after some labor and expense on my part to construct and secure what I wanted, have material gathered, from which I think a shelter can be erected sufficient for our protection until lumber can be made here. Of course, we want all we can get, and fast as we can get it, but wish to make the best use of concentrated money. Mr. C and my self with the material on hand, can make a fair temporary fix.

One of our leading men, who died a few days ago, asked that the bible that you gave him and which he kept near his pillow, might be buried with him.

We have recently had two hard blows, Saturday Feb. 24th kept our vessel in Arcilla, storm clouds and snow, as the people feared for our house, the staff was broken and driven away. Sunday night following we had a 40 mile gale which drove the rain into, and the spray over, our house, and the roof was saved only by the continued effort of men who had braved storms at sea and were not afraid to work aloft in winds and darkness at midnight. People began to sing from time to time until morning, gave us songs and prayers, at seven o'clock asked to be let in to shake hands and pray, certainly a most striking and touching contrast to former years, the night had been a long one with howling winds, booming waves, dashing rain, and songs in the night, a varied and vigorous program, one with sleep left out.

But I must not go into details, the authority given me to employ a carrier from Chicom is not very operative as two thirds of my salary would not lubricate the machine for a trip.

Thanks for your kindly remembrance our weight of obligation was increased by a large and welcome bundle of exchanges early in December. Fresh literature is not abundant at our place.

Family join in kind and grateful regards.

Your servant in Christ,
J. Lennie Gould.

Pima Agency, Arizona.
Jan. 4, 1893.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Bro:

Both of your letters have come to hand, many thanks from Mr. and Mrs Terry and ourselves for your assistance in their behalf.

It was our intention last Spring to build if possible a chapel at Blackwater and one at Casa Blanca. I had no team then and I was in hopes that Agent Wheeler would assist me until I could purchase one.

I needed the team to collect my money from our white neighbors and wheat from the Indians. Mr. Wheeler did not help us. I purchased a good team in August but could not use it until late in September as one of the animals had a hurt on one hoof.

Mr. Wheeler's conduct towards the Indians at that time was so arbitrary and unjust that it at times came near to a war between the Indians and the agent and his police.

In May last three Quacharty Indians were murdered by our Indian police, directed by the Agent. Our whole tribe felt exasperated and councils were held for devising means for retaliating. It required the presence of a large military force to check what otherwise might have ended in bloodshed at this agency.

Mr. Wheeler then received a month's leave of absence and went with his family to California, this quieted matters a little, most Indians thought he had left for good. The police being utterly demoralized, and disbanding, drunkenness among the young and those inclined to use intoxicants became the order of the day.

When the Agent had returned, he asked for a large force of the U. S. Military to protect him and his interpreter (the latter being the principal actor in the Quacharty murders) and to severely punish all who would say a word against him or not uphold him in his evil acts. Fortunately the military officer did not approve of provoking a general uprising and Mr. Wheeler finding some serious indictments against him, left for parts unknown.

It may interest you to know, that those Indians among whom I have labored most, were the ones who counseled moderation, good order, and subjection to the Government and Agent. With these difficulties in the way and without money

nothing was attempted in the building of chapels. I had to confine my labors chiefly to the Indians in this vicinity and to the school children.

The Indians at Blackwater, where I intended to build here during October and November removed to another locality, a mile nearer to the Agency, probably on account of the death of their principal captain. Had we built last summer it would have been a disappointment to us.

Our chief difficulty with the church buildings at present seems to be the frequent removal of whole villages from one place to another, yet we can not well accomplish much without suitable buildings.

We put up plain buildings at no great cost and arrange them so that we can move most of the material and build at other localities at a very little cost, if necessary.

We ought to have a chapel here. The Agency has no suitable rooms and my granary is not large enough. We have a number of regular attendants here and the prospect of a congregation of christians, and a good Sunday school.

We ought to have a chapel at Casa Blanca eleven miles west of here. One at Blackwater, now about eleven miles east of here, also one at Staunton, five miles east of here. At Staunton I have always found good congregations of men, women and children. The difficulty there is that the Indians live very scattered during summer and more or less so during winter.

The best time for adobe work here is during April and May, the Indians will give us help in the shape of work and some wheat at harvest time.

Our white neighbors will give us some help, it is difficult to say how much.

If you can raise us \$200. I shall be able the Lord permitting, to complete 3 chapels and possibly 4. We would build adobe walls with board floor and shingle roof. We might build with mud roofs at Blackwater and Staunton, they would each cost about \$50. less than shingle roofs, they are not very desirable, however.

My father-in-law may join us this spring, he no doubt would be a great help to us. I have spent over \$200.00 last fall for horses and forage, the box of clothing the friends of the 1st church of Elmira have sent us will aid us to such an extent, that we shall not feel this at all and the forage hereafter will not cost me so much.

I delayed answering your first letter in order to learn what the Indians of the above mentioned villages would say concerning church buildings. They told us that they would be glad to have them and that they would assist in erecting them.

Antonito came here from Hampton last June, he works on his farm and shows a good example. We should be glad to have you come and see us this spring. We need three or four large day schools for the Pimas, besides the boarding school at the Agency, with christian teachers, and we hope the government will get furnish them for these people. We need Agents, who are not spiritualists nor scoffers of religion, for our Indians have no

respect for the latter.

Please give our best regards to Sister Jackson.

Very Respectfully,

C. H. Cook.

Allegheny, Pa.

Jan. 5, 1883.

Rev. Dr. Jackson,

Dear Sir:

I am sorely disappointed at the failure to secure the launch for Mrs. Willard. \$800. is very little compared to \$2000. And when shall we get the other \$1200?

I write to ask what plan you can suggest for some united action. I suppose you have told Mrs. White and she will be disappointed. Shall we try for \$1. subscriptions in every Presbyterian Society, or shall one Society only undertake to raise it. How about issuing shares in the vessel, like the A. B. C. F. M. did when my eldest son was a baby. I still have his certificate of shares in their "Morning Star". Talk it over among the Ex. Com. and if you have any plans let me know. So much money for one vessel has not been approved of when I have mentioned it.

I am only one of the Lord's poor so can only comfort myself as to what I would do or think what I would do, if I were rich.

But I want to help, not to discourage. Shall I issue an appeal through our Religious papers for Pennsylvania women to send me \$1. each or what shall I do. If you or Ex. Com. wish me to take any action as Church Syn. Com. please Sir, will you write a few lines stating for whom and why the vessel is needed and why it must cost so much. I then will feel safe in coming before the public.

Most truly yours,

Kate B. Bryan.

Navajo Agency, A. T.

Jan. 6, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

My Dear Sir and Bro:

Your kind letter with Dr. Kendall's received.

Our determination to leave was based on the fact that others were appointed and sent to take our places even before we knew anything of it. The same letter naming Mr. Taylor Superintendent has been read many, many times, stating also that if we thought best we were to be removed. This we felt very much and regard it as not only unkind but unjust.

Our work will stand on its merits regardless of such reports as Mr. T says he has sent you. He claims the school is a disgrace. Taylor left this morning taking our mission with

him without consulting us. Our patron has failed to give satisfaction which we believe is owing to their influence. We believe the hand of the good Lord is in this matter and that He is adjusting things to His pleasure at this Agency.

We are in need of books for the school. We have on reference to the same written, but have received no reply. We all unite in regards to yourself and family.

Very respectfully yours,
J. L. Perkins.

Washington, D. C.
Jan. 2, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
P. O. Box. 1918,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Jackson:

The Home Missionary for January has not reached me such to my regret for I have been fighting the Missionarys battle among people here and supposed that this number might contain something explanatory of the scandalous charges of the chronical (S. P.) which would enable me to deny on better basis than "general information and belief".

Perhaps the publishers think I ought to pay for my copies, which I indeed would do willingly, were I not so burdened already on behalf of the Alaska fields. Two copies are all I received, but I should be very sorry to break off the series.

Yours truly,
W. A. Hall.

New York, N. Y.
Jan. 2, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Dr. Jackson:

Enclosed you will find Mr. Bryans letter and the certificate which you gave me yesterday. I write particularly to ask that in addressing any public meetings before the meeting of the School Com. the matter of the steam launch should not be mentioned. I find not only that the School Com, but the Secretaries think it very unwise and impracticable, and it seems a pity that societies and individuals should become interested in it and then be told that the thing cannot be carried out. The Com meets next Monday as you know and from what Mr. Booth said to me this morning, I judge the subject will be discussed.

Very truly yours,
Louise R. Green.

New Castle, Penn.
Jan. 10, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York City.

Dear Brother:

Sometime ago I wrote you enclosing a report of money received together with a note for the balance of the \$100. pledged to me. I would be glad to know whether they were received.

I feel very anxious about our children in view of their return to Chilcat. It does seem almost like murder to take the little children where it will be impossible to get milk without making some provision. If you know anyone at any point along the coast in whom you have confidence and on whose judgment you can rely, I will give \$100. for the purpose of purchasing a cow and something more if that is not sufficient. If that is not sufficient to pay for the transportation, if you succeed in getting the boat it can be taken at small cost. It should be a tried one, proven to be a good and continuous milker.

We have a part Alderney who milked well for nearly three years. It has been supposed by some that if the arrangement is made by the Government for a monthly mill that the boat project will be given up. I have thought our boat might answer all purposes and if help can be procured from the Government by a mail contract, it might be quite a help, while much might be saved by carrying the lumber necessary for mission and Indian buildings.

If Mrs. Ham succeeds in getting her mill, a good business might be carried on in transporting lumber to other places.

I have read \$5. more for the boat which, with sums reported will make over \$700. with a prospect of something more.

When I said in my last that the means named had procured the contribution, I did not mean they alone -- for daughters letters had just awakened an interest and secured sympathy, but that I had not asked any personally.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Jas. S. White.

P. S. Would it not be well to invest some also in chickens? I will give \$10. for the purpose if you think best.

A. W.

Newcastle, Penn.
Jan. 12, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.,
Dear Bro:

Your letter of Jan. 9th was received just after I

had written one to you. Thanks for the letters, on reflection it seems to me the boat referred to is not only higher priced than we wish but also finer. It seems to have been intended to carry passengers. Much of the cost was incurred by fitting up the cabin, while our boat should have a comfortable room. It need neither be large nor expensive. As I mentioned in my letter yesterday, it seems to me the greater part should be reserved for freight. And while strong may be gotten up plainly and cheaply.

I hope to be able to make the collection at least \$800.

Received letters today from Mrs. Willard and daughter. They are still improving. Daughter says they will be able this year to contribute something for the boat if one can be procured for \$1,000. You need not hesitate to contract for it at once, which I would suggest it would be well to do that there may be no excuse for having it well done.

I inclose a letter from Mrs. Bryan, with whom you can communicate if you think best, after which I think I can obtain more help through her influence. Please return.

The work is certainly of the Lord. No other power could so stir the hearts of the people.

As the desired mail arrangement has failed could it not be secured for our boat? If so, it would be quite a help in meeting expenses. The arrangement, if possible, might be made, as we do not intend to entertain the word fail. It, perhaps, is well the Board did not take hold of it. It has been my opinion all along not to say or wish that it should have no connection with the organization, as such, as otherwise, other missions could justly claim equal interest in it. At least it might cause jealousy and strife. In all cases I have plainly stated that the Board had nothing to do with it, so that there can be no dissatisfaction arrive making it a gift to the Chilkat Mission.

In the public meeting it has been spoken of as Mrs. Willard's boat. If we send a cow no one should object neither should they if we send a boat, if we ask no aid from the Board.

Best I weary you I will close with many thanks for your kindness to me and mine.

Yours in Christian love.

Mrs. J. S. White.

Fort Wrangle, Alaska.

Jan. 13, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

New York City,

Dear Dr. Jackson:

We are all hoping next mail will bring us letters from you as none of us have heard from you since you were here. I received a registered package last mail for Grace. That I presume came through you from Rev. J. Stewart Ross and he wrote me they would send some money to you to buy a present for here.

She was delighted with her present. The package came just two days before Christmas as well as a good many others, for we are all able through the kindness of many friends to have a nice tree for the children, having presents for each one.

We dressed Dora up as Santa Claus. She came in rattling her bells and made a little speech and did it very nicely. She then commenced distributing toys from her pack on her back calling out the names of each child which amused them very much indeed.

Mrs. Young's boys were here and had their presents on the tree also. We had some very good music. Mrs. Young had taken a great deal of trouble to train the children to sing some Christmas carols. We also had duets and solos from the music class which was a credit to their teacher, Mrs. Young. After the distribution of presents we older ones withdrew and the children had a merry evening among themselves. We too had a pleasant evening in my room, exchanging little gifts and talking of loved ones far away, who we felt were were talking of us, my thoughts were with our dear South Georgia friends who are so isolated from the rest of us, particularly this time of the year.

We have not even heard from them for two months. I feel so thankful Miss Clara is there in a winter so that sister is not left without a lady friend. Last Sabbath was our communion. We had a precious meeting and felt that Christ was indeed at the head of his own table.

There were thirteen received into the church. Our hearts were made to rejoice to see four of our Girls professing Christ before the world, Annie Graham, Ormie Martin, Dora Davis and Louise Nordvost. The scene was very touching and brought to our minds the feast of the king when the sick and the lame etc., were gathered in for there were sick -- all with incurable diseases, two of them were from the hospital.

All of this work of prayer, our meetings have been well attended and our people very interested. Tonight there were 27 who arose and asked to be prayed for. Several of my girls were among them.

No doubt Mr. Young will continue the meeting next week. Oh, that we may have a gracious out pouring of God's spirit and that we may see many of these poor people brought in to the kingdom.

You will be surprised when I tell you we have 39 girls in the Home. Some have come themselves and claimed protection, others the parents have brought and asked is to take them. Our Home is getting quite filled up.

Mrs. Young has nine boys and has had to refuse six or eight for want of room. Have you been able yet to find out anything about these garrison buildings? How much I wish they could be secured. There must be something done for our boys. 15th I had Beatie and another little girl baptised. When Mr. Young put the water on her head she looked up at me and said "now mama, Mr. Young has wet my bangs". There is so much

interest that Mr. Young continued the meetings this month.

Jan 22nd: Our meetings are closed, but we feel good must arise from them.

I received a very large mail and am dreadfully busy. I received four notes. I will write and suggest Rev. Stewart Ross.

With love to Mrs. Jackson and the girls.

Most truly yours,

A. A. McFarland.

Hydah Mission, Alaska.
Jan. 15, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York City.

My dear Sir:

Our trader asks if you would sell the mill to his Company. I doubt if that would be the best thing for the Mission but much better than no mill. If he would erect and run it for a share it might be a good partnership. I only write this that you may make him a proposition if you desire.

Kiganna is a great camp for seal hunters, from Apr. to July hundreds come and go making that point their point of rendezvous. Hyda's from all the Hyda towns, Isimseas Cape and Taggas, Hannascho, Sitka's Taker and sometimes others, are represented and our town almost deserted. We could hardly find a place where one would come into contact with so many people and especially so wide a representation.

We propose to go down therefor 2 miles or more if necessary, build a small house for the family and the natives promise to build for church and school, I think \$500 added to what the natives will do, will cover the expenses and be a good investment and I have said more than that amount on work here by using my own muscle, shall I spend it?

A large number of our young people work at Klawak during the busy fishing season and then there are more people there than at any other point of the archipelago. It might be well for me to spend July and August there, we could have school, church and mingle with the natives, impress the Hannascho's and have an eye on our own people who will be or profess to be pleased to have us there, and our people need to be constantly looked after and most tempted at Kiganna and Klawak. The most congenial thing would be to stop here be fed and sheltered and fix for comfort next winter, but whatever some may practice tis' not the thing to preach.

I have frequent fights to keep the Mission grounds whenever I clear it, someone else wants it, to get back from the water. Some heavy work needs to be done if we would have open space, the front of our proposed site will look well when the clearing is completed, we have begun a stake and pole house 22 x 22. Other duties take much of my time and I am prevented.

giving much time to the study of the language as I desire. We have now a good interpreter so not know how long we may be able to keep her.

Slowly the work goes on. Sometimes we feel greatly encouraged then something occurs to make us feel we make no progress, but when you think you have these people. You are likely to be convinced that you had'nt then at all.

We have a responsible man here who will carry the mail monthly from Wangle for \$600. a year. As we must depend so largely on mail for freight it will be greatly to our advantage to have the carrier belong here.

Yours to command,

J. L. Gould.

Kawajo Agency, Ariz.

Jan. 15, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother:

I have just learned that you are again at home. I have written several letters to the Board respecting the condition of the school which I presume you can see if you have not already seen them. As this is a part of your field I trust you will make it convenient to visit us soon. Wish you could come while Mrs. Perkins is in charge and if so without notifying any of them that you are coming, as I would like you to see the school as it is.

At all events it will be wise not to attempt any defense of the work done here even though Gen. Loran is unfair in some of his statements. I do not think it possible to give too severe a criticism upon such efforts as are found here, nor upon those who put them forth.

It is a disgrace and must be rectified, you know the circumstance of my being transferred here probably better than I know them.

I will not here express myself on the subject, but I think that your presence here might forestall a repetition of such a farce.

Please write us soon and believe me as ever your brother.

Charles A. Taylor.

Portland, Oregon.

Jan. 16, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

New York City, N. Y.

Dear Bro:

Yours of 5th at hand this morning. Enclosed please

please find itemized bills. You will remember you assumed certain bills of Willard and a payment on Austin of which I suppose was an advance to them on their salary. Mrs. McFarland, Mr. Young &c. say that the Board does not send their money -- what is the matter?

I have written several letters about that little steamer at Seattle. I wrote J. J. Gilbert of Coast Survey. He does not think she is just such a steamer as Willard should have. Last steamer from Sitka brought letter and circular about steam launch makers at Bristol, R. I. I think (papers are up here) I will enclose them to you. I think we might get one of them and put it on some steamer or sailer coming toward the Horn. What do you think about it?

I don't know of anything on this coast just what he wants. I tried to see Carroll last time here but he did not call, was here only 24 hours. Will attend to the lumber and send it only when steamer will land it at Jackson.

Hastily yours,
William Wadhams.

Bellevue, Idaho.
Jan. 17, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.
Dear Dr. Jackson:

Many thanks for your kind efforts in my behalf. I wish it were possible to return or rather reciprocate the favor but virtue is its own reward and that will suffice now.

I am getting matters into better shape here in Wood River and tonight expect to organize a church here, and next Sabbath receive five members into the church at Halley and ordain an Elder. We took up a collection for Home Missions last Sabbath -- \$6.40 which Bro. Pratt will account for at end of quarter. Hope I can take another one before I leave.

I start for Blackfoot and East, Monday. Have not got letter from Bro. Eaton, but have half fare pass c/o Bro. Pratt.

Regards to all.
Faithfully,
R. W. Hall.

New Castle, Penn.
Jan. 18, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.
Dear Brother:

Your welcome letter was received last week. I am

sorry of my ignorance, or real which was not according to knowledge, has in any way placed you in unpleasant circumstances. I have written twice to Mrs. Haines explaining the matter.

Mrs. Willard, when the request for the boat was made, asked to have the money sent to him, but in thinking over the matter, the course taken, seemed to be best, and he has, since, so expressed himself.

Now if you are likely to have trouble can we not turn over the whole matter to Mr. Brady or some one you have confidence in, to manage it for us. Of course this is only a suggestion, I wish you to do just what you may think best.

I have concluded to mail the money (for the cow) to Mrs. Willard, and if they go back, and he thinks best to take one, they can do so, making best of it in the fall if it cannot be kept.

Had a letter from Mrs. Hays last week telling me the Board would hold a meeting this week to consider the matter of continuance or abandonment of the Chilkat Mission I have written Mrs. Haines what may be considered my protest in reference to giving it up.

First I plead for Jesus sake, and for the self sacrificing missionaries and 3rd for their parents sake who have made a willing sacrifice.

In haste.

Yours truly,

Mrs. J. W. White.

Sitka, Alaska.

Jan. 20, 1903.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Jackson:

It is nearly time for the steamer to arrive so I will start my letter tonight and finish it after I hear from you. We finished putting on the rustic yesterday A. M. Have some work to do on the porches but we shall have that for a time until we get more important work done inside. Finished laying the floor on the upper hall today.

Sheridan, the only one we have had helping us, has been boarding up the spaces around the school room, between the lower partition and the second floor (the spaces between the beams on which the second floor rests).

Archie, Rudolph and John have worked nicely in putting on the rustic and laying the floor. Have not been able to get the ditch dug on the back of the house, as the ground is filled with frost and covered with snow. We had a thaw taking off the snow for a day or two and Mr. Brady was going to make a contract to do the work, but it commenced to snow again so that nothing could be done. Will have it

done, or do it ourselves as soon as the weather permits.

We have the stair boxed in on the end toward
Naleys. We have the 1 Room on the Davis road to floor. One
chimney to build, all the lower floor to put down, the front
steps to make, all the stairs to finish and all the doors to
hang, with the exception of two in the school room. Linnie
is alone in the school, I have thought it to be more impor-
tant to hurry up the work on the Home, the way we are situated.

Rev. Mr. Willard and family are still with us. The
baby is quite sick with the whooping cough. They are waiting
for the Road which will not be finished before the last of Feb.
or 1st of March.

Mrs. Austins eyes trouble her very much and Dr.
Ayres urged her very strongly to go to San Francisco by next
steamer to consult a good oculist. It seems impossible at
present and we hope it will not be necessary. The house
looks nicely from the road. Captain Verriman calls it the
palace.

I think it is the strongest building in Alaska,
and if it ever blows down, it will be useless to make any
further search for the North Pole. Walter has done all the
sawing on the rustic and flooring and is bragging on the mes-
sages of his arms.

Maj. Morris is away and all is quiet on the Fort.
We are all democrats.

The steamer came in yesterday and sails tonight.
have not got all our goods from the staff yet, and as the
weather is threatening I have to run and look after them
every few minutes.

Miss Linnie is quite sick, Dr. Ayres came five
times to see her yesterday, was afraid of pleurisy. She
caught a heavy cold Monday going to school through the rain.
Think she is better today.

The tar paper ordered through Mr. Brady did not come
by this Steamer. We have concluded to have Mr. Styles move
in at once. Then we will move the boys and stove in their
kitchen. Have done their cooking in the old place as we
were afraid to have them up there in the house until some of us
could live with them. Then we will finish up stairs and get
everything ready on the first floor to put it down as soon as
the tar paper comes which I shall order this time. I can see
no other way under the circumstances. All of the folks sick
and we cannot move, even if our rooms were ready, without tak-
ing Mr. S's family with us, as they have no stove etc. I was
right glad to get my salary as it is nearly eight months since
I received any money from the Board. Mr. Eaton gets all the
bills that it is possible for us to get. I did not send the
bill for lumber as the purser would not sign it until he heard
whether the draft was honored. I think if the purser had not
been a good friend of mine and consented to take a slight draft
for the freight bill, it would have gone into the store house
and there would have been storage to pay and nothing done on

the building.

Will name the dormitories as you request. Mr. Styles will write you about the water question. The distance is 2400 feet. I think it will be very expensive and that it will be better to build a large tank and catch rain water for a time at least. Mr. Styles will send you an itemized account showing the way the four hundred you left has been expended and more besides.

I will see Mr. Downing this evening and if the draft has been paid will get him to sign bill for fit on lumber and send it to you in this.

Have turned over the list to Mr. Brady and it will be credited on building account. He cannot send this bill this time. We see the contract to build our chimneys. Try and get some society to send us fifty suits of blue denim, pants and buttoned on jackets, as soon as possible. We expect three excursionists this summer and our boys take a poor appearance with all sorts and colors of clothing etc. Will send you a list of boys and their supporters, as far as we know them, by next mail. We wish that you could spend an afternoon and several afternoons too with us. Many thanks for the prospect of getting seats for our school room.

Lionie has taken a picture of our home and is waiting for clear weather to develop it. Had only three clear days last month. I expected to hear that you were sick, the first letter I received from you, from your exposure while here glad to hear that you were well again. Hope the next time you come, it will be with your family and that it will be a pleasant trip.

Alaska owes you this. I feel provoked at the Board for treating you so about your bills when you raise the money. Will send the freight bills on boxes, ball etc. next month when I send in my report.

After I get into the home I will send this report every quarter. Have had so much outside work to do the first year and so much sickness in my family that it has been impossible to be so prompt as I desire. Last month I answered twenty five letters for Mrs. Austin in addition to thirty one of my own.

We are now well supplied with everything now except the clothing I have mentioned, shoes, and caps. We shall need a constant supply of these articles, the more so, as we increase the number of our scholars.

The Purser is waiting for this letter so I will have to close. Freight on barrels from San Francisco to Sitka including wharfage is nearly or quite \$5.00.

This will give those who wish to prepay freight on goods for the home some idea of the amount to send for that purpose.

Thanks for that nice book. Love from all to you and yours.

Sincerely yours,
A. E. Austin.

Hinge Creek, Va.
Jan. 25, 1900.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Doctor:

I have been here for some time, intending to write you, but have been delayed by adverse circumstances, the last of which is a severely cut hand, which is even now hardly able to guide the pen.

I have been since last spring on my farm, which we have named as you see above, in memory of our pleasant Alaska associations and my post office is as given above. I have been hard at work all this time as I have had to be in order to live. I have been very little indeed away from home. We have all kept well, but apart from that great blessing our lives have been cast in rather rough places.

I have not neglected Alaska, when able to do anything for it. I saw the President twice in November to lay before him the report of last session and a statement referring to their main proofs. I do not know whether any others saw him about it, but unless they did, or even if they did, the almost identical reference in his message with the language of my brief written statement to him makes me flatter myself that he did use and rely on it.

Early this month I went to Washington. I think I recognize your work in the bills of Senator Harrison and Mr. Phelps and the numerous petitions in the Senate. I was glad to find such an interest existing and think from the looks of things that something may be done early in the session. I suppose you know that Senator Harrison's bill is already reported and on the calendar. Mr. Quinn, chairman of the Committee in the House is friendly to the House and will act at an early day. I was going to see him this week again. For a final hearing, but an accident and the severe weather prevented. I will however go down the lot of next week and hope to get the bill reported to the House before I leave. I will also see if I can do anything for the little bill providing for education.

I should like to meet you if you are in Washington and if you will let me know several days in advance of your being there, will go down at any time. Should you, by any chance be there the early part of next week and will let me know, I will find you. In that case notify me to the care of W. C. Ball, Division of Accounts, Treasury Department.

At any other time write to my Post Office Langley, Va. I have heard almost nothing of Alaska for a long time and should be very glad to see and hear from you.

With best regards from Mrs. Ball and myself to yourself and family, I am

Very truly yours,
W. C. Ball.

Chelsoy, Mass.
Jan. 15, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.
Dear Sir:

I imagine I am intruding on your time in addressing you so frequently, but fearing you did not receive my last budget of queries I make bold to try writing again.

The only word I have had of you since yours of Jan. 24th was from my mother that you might be in Boston about Jan. 20th. I looked in the different papers for announcement but found nothing, and as I saw nothing of you, presume you were detained.

I would only ask you now, that when you do come, please do not fail to see me. Make it convenient to your own time. If I knew when to expect you I would surely be here.

The letters I undertake only from excess of duty, when I found it must be, or rather would be mother or I. I have tried to do them as well as I could without neglecting my other duties, and although I do not seek the task of going over them again, I will do so without hesitation and cheerfully if it is thought best to do. The Dear Father being my helper in this as in all things.

Your Christian friend,
Eva E. Mc. Clintock.

Fort Wrangle, Alaska.
Jan. 25, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Bro:

Do not be too greatly surprised to find that I am here. I came over with the Indian for the mail and to see the friends.

I am glad to receive two letters from you, also letters and two quarters of salary from the Boards. I was disappointed in the reduction in my salary, but when I reflect and know that it has been wisely ordered so to be, I come not to find fault and am mysteriously directed to look for support and comfort from a higher source.

I think that all will be for the best in the end. I purpose to do my best until this commission expires which will be July 15, 1883, when, if all is well, I would like to go East and see my friends and exchange some things I have secured from the Indians by way of giving them employment, and patronage. Don't think that I feel sorry for the future never lacked brighter. If affairs are so arranged as to need me at this time at Jackson, please let me know.

J. E. Chapman.

Fort Wrangle, Alaska.
Jan. 23, 1903.

Dear Dr. Jackson:

Yours of December 28th at hand. Thanks for good wishes. I am glad that Bro. Gould is to have regular monthly mail. His mail has now been lying at this office for two months, waiting for a carrier.

Your sealed bid shall be forwarded with all others, if there are others, which I doubt. Hope you may get the contract. Shall be glad to get my Indians the work.

Of course a steamer, however small, would be much better but we must take what we may get.

I do hope the bill for Government will pass this session. It is likely that the quartz mine at Jambou will take a boom. If it does Senator Jones has expressed himself well satisfied with these mines and will invest largely. There will be a thriving town in a year or two. Then we will need a teacher there.

I am surprised at your stating that the prospects for an educational appropriation is so poor, since President Arthur has so strongly recommended it. I hope something can yet be done to secure it.

Please attend to the getting of those certificates of church membership, you told me to remind you if you forgot.

We much hope you can do something towards securing the Harrison buildings for us for the boys institute. I have written fully to Dr. Kendall on that subject.

All is prospering here as never before. Mrs. Young joins in kindest regards.

Faithfully your brother in Christ,

B. Hall Young.

P. S. When will the new edition of your book be out?

Chilcat, Alaska.
Jan. 26, 1903.

Dr. Jackson,
Dear Brother:

We are not so bad off for mail as I had expected we would be. We have received our November mail by canoe. It is true the charges are heavy but we receive the mail all safe and sound.

I expect shortly to have an opportunity of sending our return, below.

I spent last week in the upper village, teaching, and visiting among the people. My knowledge of Klinglet language was not sufficient to undertake preaching while there.

I have brought over a dozen people down to spend the Sabbath. More others also have come to stay, that there children can go to school. Many of the people are making arrangements to build here in the spring. I wish all the people would collect together, for it is no small job to go

among the people when scattered over thirty miles. I made about half the way up the river on American Club skates and coming back I made about the same distance on snow shoes. I learned while at the village that the paper in regard to the house to be used for school is of no account. Shatervich has nothing to say about it, while his son George is the principal owner. I could not get the house while I was there. I used three fingered Jack's. I had diff'culty in getting the children together. They are willing to come but a large hand ball is needed to summons them. Put it among the number of your items for S. School.

We are getting along finely at this point. The school is large, the congregation on sabbath completely fills the little school house, so that not a square foot is vacant from the platform to the door. A larger meeting house is needed, but you know the needs of the field as well as I do and I need not mention them.

Can you send me teachers blanks for reports. I have sent to the Board several times, but have received no answer, also if you have blanks for the Missionaries Reports, I wish you would send me some. I do not expect to get them from the Board.

Please give me instructions as to the renewal of my commission also. At present I belong to the Shenango Presby. I hope I may continue to remain a member of it until we have a Presbytery here in Alaska. I look anxiously for word from you that I may know the signs of the times. I am well in every respect. Mrs. Willard is about as she was while you were here, baby is well.

Mrs. Willard wanted to send pictures of the Indian doctor also of the interior of some of the houses, but had no pencils, I was unable to procure hard pencils when we were coming out and had to send home for them. If they ever come she says she will try what she can do.

We all unite in sending our best wishes to yourself and family. Mrs. Dickinson wishes to be remembered to you.

Your Bro in Christ,

Eugene A. Willard,

Dear Dr. Jackson:

I send you by this mail a sketch of Anaimo, which you desire.

I am sorry it is so sooty, but it was owing to soft lead.

With sincere regards,

G. H. Willard.

Edgecombe, Langley P.O. Va.

February 1..1883.

Dear Doctor:

The chance of passage of the House bill now looks

very fair. An effort will be made to call it up next Monday, and we want to press all our force to secure the requisite 2 thirds vote for its consideration. If you can help any I know you will.

I am urging my claim for the collectorship very strongly. I have actually become almost impoverished through having stuck to the business of urging legislation and I have the certificates of many members to their belief that there would have been nothing done unless I had stuck to it.

Besides I have the strong indorsement of the people there, and as they have received so few favors, surely this ought to weigh. Besides this all the circumstances of my removal. The President has expressed, to a friend of mine his sense of these facts, and a very favorable opinion of me, but said also that he had resitted the case to the Secretary. If you could give me some help with him, before you leave, I would gratefully remember it, and I can assure you I would try and be more practically a friend to your work there than I was before.

The only two men that I can hear of as my opponents I am sure, you would not like to send there. I can not say more than that in writing.

Very truly yours,

W. D. Hall.

P. S. If you cannot see the Secretary could you not drop him a letter?

W. D. H.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

Flagstaff, N. M.
Feb. 1, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Brother:

Yours of January 23rd just received.

I am sure that you cannot source more for the Navajo's than I do, but you will have learned ere this that the Navajo's are within the same condition so far as I am concerned. Now I realize the force of all you say, and could have the faith to grasp the conversion of this people in a lifetime, surely the highest ambition could not desire more. But, my brother, I not only have no such faith but am convinced that missionary efforts on the existing basis is detrimental rather than otherwise. I really believe that with a thorough system the work of christianizing either the Moquis or the Navajo's might be very rapid, but with a little less than three years experience the question of christianizing at their agencies in these wilds of the west is greatly modified. My feelings at leaving the poor Moquis, however are such that I am ready to offer my life to devote to their salvation with no com-

persuasion other than our temporary expense on the condition that the work be given in my hands entirely to be systemized and be directed according to my judgment. It would be an expensive work for a few years, after which we would have plain sailing and grand results. Such are my convictions.

You ask why it is that our ministers avoid the Indian work. If you will make your question more personal I will answer it. I leave the Indian work because the way is so thoroughly hedged up that I see no hope of accomplishing anything and deem it wrong to spend so much time and money in working where the soil is rendered barren when there is so much fertile soil uncultivated.

I am sorry to say too that the greatest obstacle to the work have been placed there for the church. I cannot understand how it is but such are the facts in my experience. How such a drinking, profane man as agent Sullivan at Moquol with the reputation he has at his own home could be recommended by the church, is beyond my ken. But I know that he could not have received the appointment but through the church.

He was an effectual barrier to all missionary and school work while he remained, and he was there long enough to suppress his soul so strongly that the repeated efforts of Dom, Price to remove him have been in vain, and thus the whole cause of failure among the Moquols is traceable to the sending out of a wicked man by the church.

And now I come to this field. I wrote you about a year ago hinting something of the character of Mrs. Perkins and you replied that you were acquainted with their peculiarities. Then why were they sent here, and why are they retained? I have met many wicked men, deep evil schemers in this far west, but I have never met anyone anywhere whom I believe to be more wicked than Mrs. Perkins. I never met Gittenau, but I read his trial carefully and I saw no more hypocrisy and no more inconsistent professions in his conduct and conversation than I see in this woman.

I am aware that these are startling statements, but when the church is so outraged and when so heavenly faced people can create a Hades on Earth it causes me to burn with indignation. I never met smoother talkers and Mrs. Perkins frequently weeps as though her heart were very tender, she has talked to me as though she were my best friend, but to others she slanders us and does all in her power to injure us which indeed, affects but little as everyone here knows here. There are but few in this region whom she has not slandered. She is thoroughly known and you could not fail of witnesses to more than I specify, if you called on anyone here.

Now I trust you will be able to understand why I could not consent to work in either of these specified fields. I have written Mr. Sanball very plainly about the school but with all the plainness I am sure he cannot realize the heathenish condition of affairs.

The members of the so called school commit the most indecent acts in the very presence of Mrs. Perkins and the lady whom she now has as mistress. While Mr. Perkins and Mr. Lang

look on without offerin a rebuke. One of those deeds I could not describe on paper but may tell you of it if we meet. But why should I say more. I said enough to Dr. Kendall to cause their discharge with censure at least if my word as a minister is worth anything, if it is not there is no use in saying more. Possibly Dr. Kendall may think of me as he did of Eastman, that there are some bitter feelings between them and me. But he has no right to misconstrue my charges.

My feelings are those of indignation and contempt of such an outrage committed upon decency in the name of a school by those sustained by the Mission fund. You may show this to Dr. Kendall if you wish as it is not meant to be so private but I hold myself to make the subject matter an open letter to the church if the reasons for so doing become much stronger.

I shall be glad to receive any intelligence that may mortify my convictions.

With kindest regards to you and yours, I remain sincerely your friend and brother,
Charles A. Taylor.

Allegheny, Pa.
Feb. 2, 1853.

Dear Friend:

I return these papers. Am too busy to write what I want, but will tomorrow. Only to say that it will delay considerably to write Mr. Willard Jr as to Dr. J's plan all we can get for the \$1,000, it had better be carried out for it would never do to ask for more than this for one Mission station. If the Boat could be used for all that might change matters. Of course this \$1,000 gathered for the Chilcat mission only for the use of the Willards and their assistants, and if they leave for their successors, they know this and have said so. But could they not buy cheaper sailing boats out there and save transportation. I shall write tomorrow more fully. Today I am going to a Missionary Meeting in East End.

Dear yours truly,

Kate F. Bryan.

New Castle, Pa.

Dear Brother:

After receiving your letter I wrote Mrs. Bryan, send also the enclosed letter and papers. You have here her reply.

May the Lord give wisdom and direction. Thanks for your interest in our welfare. Our house and grounds are situated on a very high hill so we were safe from loss by water.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Jan. White.

Aristol, E. I.
Feb. 2, 1933.

Mr. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Yours of 27th received.

We send our circular etc. by same mail.

We would be pleased to furnish you a steam launch, please state how many persons you wish it to carry and how much freight, also state minimum depth of water and length of trip it will have to run.

Respectfully,

Harrohoff Mfg. Co.

House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.
Feb. 3, 1933.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Sir:

Your card is at hand and I will do all I can for the Alaska Bill.

Yours truly,

J. A. Anderson.

New Castle, Pa.
Feb. 3, 1933.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Your kind letter was duly received. In reference to your pictures I would say that about the time you were expected to be in Boston, I forwarded copy of some taken just before they left, of both Mr. and Mrs. Willard, and to our daughter. I will ask her to forward them. She has been anxious to have a talk with you before giving the work for publication. Mrs. Bryan decided we would work for \$1,000 for the book, hoping that amount would purchase one that would answer the purpose. If you find it will not then we will try for more.

At the time and with the article sent to the different papers, two letters of Mrs. Willard were sent to the New York Evangelist, as well as to other papers, others have been returned as requested but the former has never returned them although a request accompanied the article which they never published, and three or four have been sent since. One to Dr. Field personally together with the fact that you had desired them for publication. They may be the ones so much needed and desired by Mr. Mc. Clintock to complete the series. Would

New York City
Feb. 6, 1883..

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Denver, Col..

Dear Sir:

In a recent letter from Mr. Gould - he requests us to supply him, if possible, with a forge and set of blacksmiths tools, to cost about \$100.00, some hymn books etc. Can you tell whether it can be managed that the former should be purchased somewhere on the Pacific coast to save the expense of sending from the East. The hymn books can go by mail I suppose. One of our vice presidents has just written me that one or two societies have agreed to furnish these things.

An early reply will much oblige.

Yours etc.,

Miss Henriette W. Hubbard,
Cor. Sec.

Portland, Oregon.
Feb. 6, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson
Denver, Col.

Dear Bro:

Some weeks ago I wrote you about the kind of launch needed by Rev. E. S. Willard. I intended to have enclosed certain papers sent me by Willard but forgot to do so. I send them herewith.

We are having very cold weather for Portland, thermometer 80.

Mr. Schultze says April trip will be to Hyden. I shall attend to the lumber at that time. Also have letter from Gould ordering other supplies at same time and have now a store by clipper ship via. Cape Horn box of H. H. Goods for Gould.

Respectfully yours,
Wm. Weddams..

Norwich- Conn.
Feb. 6, 1883..

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Please give me the facts about the Alaska Indians

and needs of your Mission.. A friend who gave \$75. last year has it in her head to give more if it is needed, wishes to know..

Very truly,
C. T. Sietzel.

New York City,
Feb. 9, 1883..

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

I thank you for the information in your letter of yesterday and may perhaps trouble you to send the order to Mr. Jackson..

There is very little change in Mrs. Graham from day to day.. She has an exhausting cough and is gradually losing strength, but her mind is peacefully prepared for the change..

Very truly yours,
Henrietta W. Hubbard.

Lancaster, Pa..
Feb. 9, 1883..

Dear Dr. Jackson:

Four more names have been added to the list for the Pres. Home Miss. since you left us, making our list now 42.. Miss Dale will send the list with their addresses early next week, when she expects to have all the subscription money.

\$16.. additional have been received for the school at Sitka, or Alaska fund — making with what you got \$53.. I hope more will be handed in — Miss Dale will also forward.. One pleasant feature is \$10. was received by me with an anonymous note directing it to be sent to Sitka, as prompted by your lecture.. The note was signed "one who is not a Presbyterian".

I told Mr. W. U. Hensel, you called and he was not in.. He regretted it exceedingly.. I told him you thought certain legislation was needed for Alaska, and he was greatly interested.. You will get a letter from him.. Answer him promptly and you will find him friendly, and a power with the Democratic party.. As I told, he recently joined my church and is now "Chairman of our State Democratic Committee"..

Thanks for your coming. You have made a grand impression and fired our people with a missionary spirit. The Foreign Missionary Society feels the good effect. For at the annual meeting last night, there was a larger attendance than ever before. Showing that Home and Foreign missions do not conflict.

Yours,
Jas. Y. Mitchell..

Chelsea, Mass..
Feb. 9, 1883.

Dr. Jackson,
Dear Sir:

I have delayed sending you the letter copies, still hoping others of interest might be found.. All my efforts for procuring an earlier date for Sitcha have been unavailing.. So I send them to you hoping you may feel no hesitancy in scoring out anything you may feel doubtful as to general interest or good, or to correct them in any way you see best.

If I can be of further assistance in them I will gladly do all I can.

Do you wish me to return the letters you forwarded of Mr. and Mrs. Willard?

About a week since I sent you one of sister's photo's by mail..

In regard to the seven letters sent by Mr. Sarnborn, some of them I used entire, others one or two — I used only a few sentences of, since other letters told of the same things in a somewhat more concise way.

I would be glad to hear of their progress at your convenience..

Very truly yours,
E. E. McClinton..

Southport, Conn..
Feb. 9, 1883.

The Presbyterian Board of Missions.
Gentlemen:

The Southport Cong'l Sunday School to which Rev. Sheldon Jackson made an address some time ago sends herewith a draft for \$25.. to be used by him in his Alaska work where it will do the most good..

Respectfully,

Jas. H. Perry,
Superintendent..

New York City,
Feb..12, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson--
New York City.

Dear Sir:

After seeing you this morning it occurred to me that perhaps you could do to the Boston church a small favor.. Rev. Mr. MacNaughton of Newberg is I think such a man as we need there, but some people have told him that Boston never could do anything for Presbyterians and he is now debating in his mind whether to come to preach to us on the 25th inst..

I wish you might pen him a line saying what your impressions are of New England as a field, and that there is room for our church..

I think if he had such a letter he would come on and see us, then he could form an opinion for himself..

Hoping I am not troubling you too much.

Yours truly,

J. Gilchrist..

His address is:

Rev. John MacNaughton,
Newberg,
N. Y..

P. S. Please send at your convenience..

Geneseo, N. Y.
Feb. 12, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson..

Dear Bro:

My time wings its flight on very rapid wings of which I am minded each month as it comes round and does not bring me the Pres. Home Missions, which we miss very much.. My subscription run out with December and I meant to renew it at once but waited partly to decide to whom I could send a copy as a sort of Missionary work.. And now I can't wait but wish you would send January and February to me and as soon as I hear from one or two persons I will send you \$1.. and another name..

"The I Band" and the efforts of a cousin of mine has done good work for the Sitka Home by securing from "The Willing Workers" and Mr. Walden's church Covington, Ky. \$100.

You have probably received it, or the Treasurer before this..

The Committee decided that "Kate Harpman's consecration" was not suitable for the Pres. H. M.. I have been

expecting to receive the MSS. it has been in their hands or in their office rather, for six months. Would it be too much trouble to you to see that it is sent to me? Without saying that I requested it, please.

Yours very truly,
E. L. Goodhue.

Philadelphia, Pa.
Feb. 12, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York City..

My dear Brother:

Yes, I would like to use Sarah Dickinson's pictures in the book..

I can stand wood cuts of Indians but not of white folks..

All the cuts will be returned to you as soon as our sets of electro's are completed.

Mrs. Wright prefers a royalty on the book to a sum paid outright and so we settle on a royalty for the term of ten years..

Yours fraternally,
John W. Dulles.

San Francisco, Cal.
Feb. 12, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

We beg to acknowledge receipt of your favors of the 23rd and 27th ulto. and beg to thank you for the interest you have taken in the matter.

We enclose herewith tissue copy of letter to the Hon. J. M. Mitchell, at Washington, which explains the situation at present.

In case there is anything new turns up that is of interest to us we would thank you to drop us a line..

We regret to see that Congress failed to consider the bill for the establishment of a Government for Alaska.

Yours truly,
Goodwin Perkins & Co.,
Gen. Agents.

San Francisco, Cal.

Hon. J. H. Mitchell,
 Ebbitt House
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Referring to previous correspondence in reference to Alaska matters we are in receipt of a letter from Mr. Sheldon Jackson in reference to mail matters on that route. Mr. Jackson takes quite a lively interest in Alaska and one of the members of our firm has been in his company on a trip to that much neglected territory, province, colony, acquisition or whatever may be its proper title.

Mr. Jackson volunteered to call on the Post Office department to see what could be done towards getting and increase in our pay for supplying cases for post offices which have recently been established and also for services which we have been performing for a number of years in carrying the mail to Harrisburg (Jareau) without pay.

He informs us under date of January 23rd that he had interviewed the post office department with you and learned that there was only some \$15,000 appropriated by Congress for any increase for steamer service over the whole country and that it would be impossible for them to allow us over \$30. or \$40 per month in addition to our present contract for serving each of the newly established post offices.

Of course this sum is entirely out of the question and not worth considering.

He tells us that he was offered \$100. per month additional for our services at Harrisburg and asks whether we would like to accept this amount which he admits is entirely inadequate pay for the services performed.

It occurred to us that in case there is any probability of our getting proper compensation at any future time through Congress for our services heretofore rendered constantly in carrying mail to Harrisburg that it would be better to continue to perform the service and trust to Congress to properly compensate.

We beg to submit the matter to you however for your consideration. You doubtless know what the chances are of Congress taking any action in matters referred to.

We again urge your attention to the necessity of immediate action in reference to the Custom House at Fort Wrangle. We got suckered out of over \$5,000 in one trip last fall by the English "bribe" racketeering at this illegal custom House, and we shall meet with the same trouble in a month unless there is previous action taken.

We enclose herewith a protest which we have drawn up to be presented to the Secretary of the Treasury, in case you think proper to take action as to this Custom House, it seems to us if it is brought to his attention that there is no law for establishing the Custom House at that point, that

he probably will order its abolition.

Very respectfully,

Ocdell Perkins & Co.
Gen'l Agents..

Chelsea, Mass.,
Feb. 14, 1883..

Dr. Jackson:

As to there being any other letter written from Sitka, I am not sure. In the first one that we have — June 21st — there is reference to a former letter, but it may have been written from Wrangell. If so there is nothing for publication in it.. I made every possible effort to discover another from Sitka of previous date, but could find or hear of none.. I hope none are missing.. I can at least say I have made every effort to secure them all, and so far as I know have done so..

I send you a photograph of Mrs. Willard, forwarded to me from mother, a week or two since..

It would be a satisfaction to know what you think of the work, the criticism necessary, to believe it is the same feeling I had when a child, and working tediously and faithfully over a long lesson..

Though the work is the dear Father's and we all love it for His sake, yet what you have done for our dear ones seems so nearly a personal kindness I wish to thank you most heartily..

Truly your friend,
Eva S. McClintock..

Brooklyn, N. Y.,
Feb. 15, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

Mr. Ham tells me that you have a proposal for the purchase of our Alaska "saw mill" also that the person who wishes to purchase it is of reputable character.

By this I do not understand that he is a believer in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ or in other words a saved man.. My heart rejoices in this token that our dear Lord is beginning to answer our prayers for a consecrated man to take charge of that saw mill and work for the interests of our Redeemer's Kingdom..

I am strongly impressed that we are not to sell the mill to run as a private, personal enterprise.. If our faith in God will grasp it.. He will use this mill for His glory, and to this end we will next ask Him to

convert and consecrate this man for the work.. Please read Ex..Ch..1 to 12 verses, and if this thought seems right, will you appoint the earliest evening that will meet your convenience to come here and meet Mrs. Haines, Mrs. James- the Campbell sisters and perhaps one or two others to lay this matter before the Lord.. Miss Dodge is at Faith House, will probably be in town until Wednesday. I would like her to be with us.. Perhaps you could come Tuesday night, bring Mrs. Jacks on with you please.

I was sorry I troubled Mr. Jessup with my note as I knew his time was so precious and so fully occupied - besides he is sick. May he be speedily recovered from this illness by the hand of the Great Physician laid upon him.. I learned yesterday of two lady missionaries, one of whom I think we can get to speak to the women of our church..

If it will not be too much trouble will you give Mr. Hains name and address for the Foreign Missionary. I will stop into the office and arrange about the postage when I come on to our meeting. I would like the Jan. and Feb. numbers for reference

Yours in Christ,

Cornelia F. Hens..

New York City,
Feb. 15, 1883..

Mrs. Joseph S. White,
New Castle, Pa.

Dear Sister:

I enclose you some papers concerning steam launches..
1.. Papers relating to the African launch Livingstone ..
2.. Letter from Herreshoff & Co.

I would suggest that when you are through with these papers and letters, that you either send them to Mrs. Bryan (an one deeply interested in this matter) and ask her to return them to me, or else that you return them to me direct..

Last week at Washington I learned from the Steam Engineering Department of the U. S. Navy Department:

1. That the only safe boiler in the hands of untrained engineers was the Herreshoff..
2. That the Herreshoff boiler will wear out in a few months and so far from a repair shop would be worthless..
3. That the fire box of steam launches is so small that you can not use wood for fuel..

After which I would remark::

1. That we do not wish to endanger our dear ones by an explosion.. In Africa where they are using mis-ion

launches they hire a trained engineer to run them.. We can not afford that..

2.. We can not afford to take an engine so far away (1600 miles from a foundry) that needs repairing so soon, it would have a very bad effect on the sabbath schools and others to purchase the launch and then have it on our hands useless for the want of needed repairs..

3.. We would meet with much opposition in securing \$4,500 or \$5,000 for it.. The mission launches in Africa and British Columbia cost from \$5,000 upward..

4.. A \$1,000 launch would be too small for those waters..

5.. It would be very expensive in providing coal -- brought up by the mail steamer 1600 miles..

After carefully looking the whole thing over and patiently making all the investigations, I think we had better abandon the idea of steam power and furnish Mr. Willard with two sail boats -- one of which he has now and a smaller one for use on Chilcat river.. And then build a boat house to shelter them from the weather.. To accomplish this will consume the \$1,000 raised.. With the establishment of a cannery in the Chilcat river, the mail steamer will make more frequent trips and thus supplies be taken in.

I shall be glad to hear your views as you are the head of the enterprise..

The Lord give us great wisdom in this matter.. Kind regards to the family..

Yours in Christ,

Sheldon Jackson..

Jackson, Alaska
Feb. 5, 1883.

Hon. J. W. Mason,
Dear Sir:

I take the pleasure of introducing Rev. Sheldon Jackson D. D. as a man acquainted with the needs of this territory and a personal friend of mine who calls upon you at my request..

Sincerely,
J. Lewis Gould..

Newcastle, Pa.
Feb. 17, 1883..

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York City..

Dear Brother:

Your letter in reference to steam launches together

with papers on same subject, have been received. Mary thanks for your interest and trouble. I fear it has been an imposition as you were overburdened before.

I have tried to determine what would be best to do and, considering every thing, it would seem advisable to forward the money to Mr. Willard, together with difficulties in the way of purchasing a suitable vessel in the east and the prospect of improved facilities in mail and other supplies. I do not wish to assume the responsibility of deciding or advising, but merely make the suggestion. Have forwarded the letters and papers to Mrs. Bryan asking her opinion. Will you be kind enough to give yours also.

A letter this week from Alaska reports all well and a strong desire to get back home.

I am very truly,
Mrs. Jas. White..

Sitka, Alaska.
Feb. 17, 1882.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Jackson:

I do not expect the steamer for a few days yet, but as I shall be unusually busy, will write a few lines tonight. Messrs. Whitford and Arady are driving the work on the Rose and expect to have her ready, so that they will leave, in two days after the steamer arrives here for Chilkat and will carry Rev. Mr. Willard and family, with his freight etc. Little Carrie seems quite well now and the baby who has been very sick with the whooping cough is much better, so they will leave under favorable circumstances. Walter and Atta have been in the new Home since the sixth of the month. The way we were situated we could not all go, because the steamer did not bring our tar paper for the lower floor, and we could not go without taking the Willards as they had no cook stove, dishes etc.

I was in a constant worry fearing some one would set the house on fire and then the days were so short and our house is something like the city of Washington, a building of magnificent distances, and a few days work could be hardly seen. Now he has a bed in our room, his work bench in another, with several lamps you sent us fastened on the side of it and he works until 10 o'clock P. M.

We have the doors all hung on the second floor, the 1-room floor on the main road laid and the stairs boxed up. Had to take the old ones down as they were

nearly six inches out of the way.. we have a board floor over all rooms on the top floor and the second floor.. the upper front hall celled with the r & G lumber brought from the cannery.. the front doors are in and the front stoop nearly finished.. we shall keep Shetigan two weeks longer and then let him go..

I forgot to mention in my last letter that I sent on the previous steamer two bills for lumber, from Wadhams & Elliott, as follows:

\$61.24

9.32

Maltern. 170.49

You will find wharfage on the first one.. The one from Mr. Maltern is for sawing the logs which the boys brought in.. You will find six bills of salmon for the nose charged on it.. I kept the bills from Wadhams & Elliott until I received the lumber etc. to see if it was correct and then sent them on, before receiving your letter requesting me to send you all the bills contracted in building the nose etc..

It would save as much trouble if all parties sending goods to the nose would mark them "Sheldon Jackson Institute" instead of addressing them to us.. If they would mark the place on the outside of the box we could often acknowledge their receipt much sooner.. The articles in many of the packages are very much alike and sometimes there is no clue inside to tell where they came from.. sometimes a little card from an Infant Class, or the name and address of a little child on a box furnishes the only clue..

I was in the store of A. S. I. Co., last night and Mr. Farland bought out seven dollars worth of tickets he had been keeping for a long time thinking I might be short of funds. I will pay them as they are genuine.

Please find within a list of the names of the boys taken and by whom, so far as we know. I think it would be well hereafter to have the names given out in New York.. after the child is certainly taken, then the name can be sent to us and recorded in our books, lists exchanged and compared at intervals and corrections made. We are well supplied with bedding at present, but we ought to have one hundred suits of blue denim clothing (overall stuff) pants and shirts, or pants buttoned on a sort of jacket.. two thirds of them for boys say fourteen years of age, one sixth for boys eighteen years old.. If Joseph could see them now he would be awed of their colors, and as for styles I think we have all kinds except the oriental.. we can beat the fantasies of New York who used to parade on Christmas day..

Can't you get Peter Cooper or some other benevolent gentlemen to send us some before the Congressional delegation, or Maj. W. Gourneur Morris come to see us.

Linnie has been confined to the house for nearly three weeks with a severe cold and I have had the school alone with the exception of four days when Mrs. Willard assisted me.

Dennis, one of the Home boys who was taken away from us just after the fire came down with some Hoon-yah Indians some two weeks ago and would not return with them. I told him when he asked if he might return, that if he did not go back with them he might stay. He did not go back. He is a fine boy and remembered all that we taught him while he was with us.

He says his mother desires him to remain in the Home but Dick wanted him to work for him without pay. Had no coat and was barefooted.

Yours,

A. E. Austin.

Jackson, Alaska.
Feb. 20, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York City.

Dear Dr. Jackson:

Your letters of December 1 and 22nd came by canoe we sent up in January. Glad to know you returned safely. Can understand how much work accumulates when you are not at the desk to keep it reduced. Thanks for the invitation to ask for what I want. Sometimes we cannot write fully of all the obstacles without implicating some person, what is best in that case? Straight on all the same?

I have heard of a Williskraft in British Columbia not far from Fort Simpson who has a mill of his own erection also a miner of the name of Irwin who spends his winters at Fort Simpson and is also a mill wright. I think Willcox is your man if we can find him. I am anxious for the natives to have lumber next fall if it can be, as there are more desiring to build, then they can do so much better work at smaller expense, also they who will work might find employment in getting timber instead of wandering away. A most discouraging feature of the work is we only have them a few weeks of the time.

I encouraged Mr. Pardy to take charge of the stream Capt. Towns thought of. Mr. Pardy has a building there. I do not think two stores or two mills can be sustained in this way at present as our man has possession I do not think another will come. But if so I think Mr.

Purdy will leave as he is discouraged, he must add something to his present business to make it a success.

About mail I post etc. Believe I wrote you I thought a responsible party here would carry for \$600. a year. He talks a little different lately may have been tampered with lately as more than one white man has been figuring on it.. I am sure we can find reliable Indians to do the work. the entire year for \$600. and I think less.. It will be much better for us as we have no steamers, that the carriers live on this end, and we will pay something rather than have it otherwise.

Will hold on to the \$600. proposition if we can. Will certainly do the best thing possible

As we must follow our people in order to do them most good, we must have a boat or canoe.. If I were a good beggar I might ask for means to get it, as expenses of living and travel are not much less here than at other missions, as figures show.

I have seen no school books which just suit for Alaska schools, or indeed this coast, especially primary. The natives also need some kind of language help, as they must learn English to learn much of anything to benefit them in the way of civilized christian life.. They must have English in order to understand..

A bishop says most of their teaching at the mission in British Columbia has been in vain. The people can read but cannot understand.. The fault is with the teaching.. They have only been given sounds, not ideas.. There is not much development.. I think the difficulty may be remedied..

I began the preparation of this for the getting up of books but have been able to give it very little attention as yet.. If I am able to get up anything worth publishing in time for next winter's school, could they be published more cheaply East than San Francisco?

I take the liberty of sending your letter to two West Virginia congressmen whom I would be glad for you to know personally if convenience comes up. They are energetic young men and may be of use to you.

I am writing this morning because I am not quite well enough to go out, but stop now to finish something before we have mail out.

Wife and sister join in kind, thankful remembrances for your many cares for us.. Your assistance to sister on her journey is specially appreciated.. She is doing well in the work..

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March 1, 1863.

Thanks for the fulfilled promise which gives them

their commissions..

February, we did not get sails.. Suppose we must send in March or your ship will not get out by the March steamer.. Most of our people are out hunting.. Suppose we can get some one to go if we pay enough..

I have written Wilcox at Ft. Superior, British Columbia. He is supposed to be mining near there, have also asked another party to address you.

Do you want a Siwash "Dr's" cranium? and his "ictus" box? I think I can get one that has a history.. May cost something.. Do you care for one of their famous copper plates.. I can get you one. I do not at what figure, perhaps \$40. or less..

I think, in regard to interpreter, we have done better than to have gotten Mr. Smith, also the arrangement promises to be more permanent and the help in the way of getting hold of their language more efficient..

It has been attended with some expense, but I think no more than to have engaged Mr. Sw. for the winter. Bishop Calverton informs me that Mr. S's vocabularies are not very satisfactory.. Also I give the boys lessons in manual labor by having him help clear off the prairie every hour of which saves that much (I mean my interpreter)

I have just learned Klamook is erecting a mill two mill rights are there and say they will do your work cheaply..

J. Lewis Gould.

Harrisburg, Pa.
Feb. 21, 1883.

Dr. Sheldon Jackson,
New York City.

Dear Dr. Jackson:

We are prepared to return to the Board W. R. Co.. all the money on hand for the "Willard House". I cannot tell just how much but will let you know very soon.. Rev. Sarbom of New York is ready to send on what he has, so that the building may be commenced as soon as practicable. We have \$2000.. and they have \$2000. and the rest can follow.

In a letter received from Mr. Willard he seems desirous of paying as he goes, but you will know how to do with the money. We will send it early next week and you can take charge of it..

Most respectful respects to the Board..

My regards to Dr. Nesbitt and Miss Perkins..

I trust you will have a large attendance at all the meetings. May God's blessing attend them all..

Much obliged for the leaflets etc., but I want more..

Yours sincerely,

E. H. Bailey.

Albany, N. Y.
Feb. 22, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

At a meeting of our Ladies Foreign Missionary Society of this city this Monday, some one advanced the idea of the Home Society circulating a petition asking Congress to appropriate \$50,000 for Alaska. Is there such a petition.

Some one said you could furnish them. We thought strange that if there was such a thing it was not presented last Wednesday and hence I write you for instructions and advice. We would, of course, work heartily if we were informed.

Mrs. J. D. Countermine,
Cor. Sect.

Fort Franglin, Alaska.
Feb. 23, 1883.

To the Ladies of the
Brown Memorial Missionary
Society.

Dear friends:

It is with an aching heart I write you tonight because our dear home is in ashes..

It was burned to the ground on the 9th of this month. It took fire upstairs (we don't know how) while we were at breakfast and when we discovered it it was so far under handery that it was impossible to save the building, or scarcely anything that was in it. We saved no bedding or clothing either for ourselves or for the children. Indeed we are destitute of almost everything.

Just to think, all the contents of your splendid cases are burned up, while we and the children are in the greatest need of them. My own personal loss was very heavy, as I had furnished my own room, and had many valuable things that had accumulated, as they will with a person keeping house. But my carpets, furniture, bedding, clothing, my husband's gold watch and many other things all gone. I lost my desk with all my papers and letters also my address cards so I have not the address of any one. But if I could have saved the house and the supplies for the children I would not say a word about my own loss..

The young girl who had the consumption so long was dying very low. Miss Ramsden ran up and carried her down stairs, barely had time to get out of the

house.. She was carried to Mrs. Young's where she died the next Tuesday.. This makes our terrible affliction seem more sad. We gathered the girls into the old Military Hospital where we began first. It is very uncomfortable and we are terribly crowded, but I was so thankful even to have so good a place as this to gather my children into and not to have them scattered and our work broken up..

We have no right to question what God does yet the question has been on our minds why he permitted this thing.. Pray for us in this time of great trial..

Your friend in sadness and poverty.

Wm. Farland.

P. S.. We have borrowed money from the Indians to keep our children from actual suffering..

Sitka, Alaska.

Feb. 23, 1893.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

New York City.

Dear Dr. Jackson:

Please find within Sherigan's receipt for \$60.. and tickets from N. W. T. Co's store (MacFarland) amounting to seventeen dollars.. Tomorrow night will owe Sherigan fifteen dollars and we owe Rev. Matripoliski a small bill for wine.. Have been at him all the month to have it out, but suppose I will have to make it out myself..

Will send on freight bills on some goods by next steamer, freight bill on bill among the number.

I think you said something about that bill when here.. Mr. Brady expected some money from the Board this time sure.. I don't think any other merchant here would wait so long.. Mr. Downing has come and will take my letters. The mail has closed and no postage stamps in the office..

The purser gave postmaster Brown a package of Portland letters for Mr. Brady, Willard and myself and they could not be found until an hour ago.

Yours

A. E. Austin..

Fort Wrangle, Alaska.

Feb. 23, 1893..

Dear Dr. Jackson:

Of course you will know of our terrible affliction before this reaches you, but as Mr. Young expects to leave on the steamer to go East and also as he has

written to you I will not write but a short letter as I am hardly able to write..

I feel so heart broken that it requires an effort to get my mail off this steamer.. Of course we cannot tell how the fire originated.. It was far under heading when discovered. There could nothing be done, and scarcely anything be saved.. If we had had any appliances for putting out fire it is the opinion of all it might have been quenched.. But to wait to pump water and carry it up stairs in buckets was no use.. I had ~~been~~ so uneasy that I had written to San Francisco to ~~find out~~ the prices of "extinguishers" and was going to buy one myself.. But all too late..

I had always felt so anxious and uneasy about fire and was so watchful and careful and after all it has all gone from us..

I gathered my children into the old hospital building again.. But it is so crowded we hardly know what to do.. My family is so much larger than when I occupied it before. But the people (the whites) have been very kind to us.. and we have borrowed bedding from the Indians so that the children are not actually suffering.. My own loss is very heavy. But if I could have saved the house and the supplies for the children I would have said nothing about my own loss.. We felt so thankful that we had this building to go into. So that our work did not have to stop..

I received Mrs. Jackson's nice letter.. Will write to her before long.. It is now 12 o'clock at night and I am very tired..

Yours in great sadness,
A. R. McFarland.

Sitka, Alaska.
Feb. 23, 1893.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Jackson:

The steamer came in last night and leaves tonight.. She brings the sad news of the destruction of the Home at Fort Wrangle.

How I pity them. If possible I will send them a box of blankets etc. from here.. Your letters received and contents noted.. Sorry that I did not get the one requesting the bills contracted in building the Home sent to you, before I had sent them to the board..

Will write to Hedden and Elliott and ask them to send you a bill of items.. (The ones you mention)

Confidential: Walter will go to Hoonah the first

opportunity. There has been none since you left. The steamer goes to Harrisburg before coming here and you know that it is impossible to travel by canoe in the winter season. "He does not expect to find a soul there"; but the vine does live so far from Alaska..

We sent you an itemized bill by last steamer which will explain how the money goes. They tried to launch the Rose yesterday, but the ways broke down and she is hard aground. Don't know how long it will take to get her off..

Snowing furiously today. Will do the best I can but cannot preach, teach school, visit the sick, oversee the boys, make garden, clear land, cut saw logs and wood and raft them to Sitka, very fast..

It seems to be the Board don't comprehend the work to be done.. We are all very grateful to you for your help and sympathy in our work and we pray God may bless you and yours.

The old stable was not destroyed, the foundation still was knocked down and all the boards on the side facing the bay torn loose at the bottom and some of them washed away.. We were afraid to have the boys sleep in it.. Maj. Morris notified us before leaving that he would remove it on his return and use the lumber to repair other buildings..

I shall receive the lumber belonging to us.. The report is that he will return the next steamer. I hope you will do all that you can to have Walter transferred to Sitka.. I have too much for one man to do and it will be such pleasure to have him than to have a stranger.. If there is anything I can do about the matter you will be kind enough to post me..

Salmon A Elliott has sent all of the paper to you amount—\$75.54, freight bill—\$3.30. Will send it when I get goods from there if correct..

Expect steamer by the 10th of next month.. We all send much love..

Your Bro. in haste,
A. E. Austin..

Sitka, Alaska.
Feb..23, 1883..

Dr. Sheldon Jackson,
New York City, N. Y..

Dear Bro:

Your kind and welcome letter was received. As the boat leaves almost as soon as she arrives this time I can send but a note, I fear..

The "Rose" fell from her ways just as they were about to launch her.. They have not yet succeeded in getting her off and can not say whether they will be able

to before the next full moon or not.. Mrs. Willard has had no opportunity as yet to write the letters you requested owing to the baby's sickness. She hopes however to be able to do soon and has written our sister to that effect.. As to the picture of the Home, we thought one of Miss Linde Austin's photographs would be preferable. However if you request it, she says she will try and do it..

The article for Scribner with sketches we forwarded last month and as we had reason to believe another article was going to the same place from here by same steamer sent it direct but there might be no delay.

I am glad that the Board did not take hold of the boat affair.. I have received letters saying that certain amounts have been forwarded for boat either to you or Mrs. White for a christmas gift to me.. If it were possible to get a Herreshoff launch shipped to this coast for \$1200., or \$1500., or less I would like to have one, but if not I am of the opinion that the boat Mr. Wedd-
hams was inspiring into at Seattle would be just the thing..

Mrs. White has told me the amount of money which she has received word of.

What is the amount of cash actually raised?

The boat which Mr. Weddams speaks of costs \$1000.00

If you can get hold of that \$50. which was to be sent to me through the Board I wish you would put it into the boat fund..

We thank you for the increase of salary..

The mail steamer goes to Juneau before coming here.. Have had no chance to send word to H. W. T. Co. However, have expected to see the Rose ready about this time am not certain she will be off in a week or two at any rate..

Love from all..

Your brother in Christ,
Eugene S. Willard..

Sitka, Alaska.

Feb.. 23, 1880..

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York City.

Dear Dr. Jackson:

I received your letter last evening as the mail steamer came around by way of Juneau this time which makes it quite late in the month..

About that letter to Mr. Berry, this is the first we have heard of them and Mrs. Styles will write this mail to them..

The House is about finished and Willard and folks are all packed and ready to sail as soon as the boat is ready.

I am going to get them to take us to Hoongah as that is the only chance I have to go up.. I am very much obliged for the advice you have sent and will go off immediately, although I don't expect to find half a dozen Indians at Hoongah as this has been such an open winter they don't come in town..

Linton, Ker and Dick were down here when last steamer was in and they told me only about 150 of the people wintered at the village also that when this full moon came there would be no one there; so I told them I was coming up so possibly some will stay.. They did not last year, though.. I will do all I can and get what boys will come down for the Sitka House..

There is plenty of work at this house yet and also around it, getting a wood house etc. built so I will go up and keep school until proper to go and then bring boys down for the school and put my time in down here again, don't you think that would be about as the Board would expect? I told you when you were here its not much encouragement to work among these people as they don't stay together long enough.. I hope this will be the last winter I have to go up there, as I like it much better to work among these House boys at Sitka.

The second floor is about done now, all the rooms are finished, except lining and papering. The ground floor is to be laid and all the doors and windows fixed.. You see I have only had one man to help me and when you left the roof was not on.. In a large house like this a week's work does not show for much, but I think considering the disadvantages, work has progressed finely.. The house looks splendidly from the town and by next summer we will have it fixed up in good shape for when the excursionists come.. Now that we can have wire pickets etc. for fence, what are you going to have for rails etc. for stairs, shall I make them this summer?

I hope we will have plenty of fine weather this summer for out-door work..

The tar paper came up on this steamer so I can lay some of the floor.

We had to fit this as you know we changed the roof.. which took great deal more and this paper was much heavier than is on our houses at Hoongah which may account for it..

There is no more news except that Mr. Austin writes.. Please excuse this writing as my hands are all bruised up from carpentering..

Yours sincerely,
W. B. Styles..

New York City, N. Y.
Feb. 26, 1883.

Dr. Sheldon Jackson,
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Sir:

In January 1882 I sent you \$50. from our 7th Ave.
Mission for our out of Hoonah mission, Alaska..

I propose to repeat this on behalf of the same
mission. Kindly send me word if I shall send the check
now to you as before.. I think you sent it to Walter
S. Styles, will refer to his letter and advise accordingly..

Next Sabbath is our mission Sabbath when, if you
could spare a few moments at 3 P. M. it would do our school
good..

Mission 7th Ave.. near 18th St..

Sincerely yours,
D. Edwin Hanley,
Supt.

York, Penn.
Feb. 26, 1883.

Dr. Sheldon Jackson,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Now is the time for the letter which you promised to
write..

You remember in Lancaster I said I did not think
then was a good time to present anything special to our
church..

We have had some money, not a very great sum, after
sending away three large boxes to Home Missions, which
we wish to put to some good use..

Perhaps your letter will be suggestive..

Yours sincerely,
Mrs. J. H. Small.

Brooklyn, N. Y.
Feb. 27, 1883.

Dr. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Brother:

I learned you were away just after writing to you.

I have seen Mrs. Haines and Mrs. Jones and in talking
with them find Mrs. Jones fully in sympathy with my thought
and desire for the conversion and consecration of the
Agent at Mr. Gould's station.. I am sure that it will be
a great benefit to have the saw mill in operation even if

it is a private enterprise and unless God clearly indicates that He would do better things for us than that, I shall be in favor of selling the mill at the best possible advantage for the Indians, if we can realize the money already expended.. I see that this is clearly the mind of those from whom we would look for council.. But at the same time I am strongly impressed with the feeling that God will glorify Himself in a marked manner if we will receive it and to this end I am praying and also ask you to join with Mrs. James and myself..

This week is very much occupied.. Friday night is our C. H. prayer meeting and just now we are specially impressed to be present; we are burdened with earnest desire for a baptism of power by Holy spirit on our church just now, and on the 8th and 9th we are to have our first S. S. Missionary meeting..

Thank God, He is not confined to time and place, but He is pleased to have us make known to him our requests, at all times when we come in that blessed name Jesus..

Jesus said: "Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name; ask and ye shall receive that your joy may be full".

If there is an evening between 5th and 8th that will be convenient for us all I will advise you..

May the Lord bless you abundantly with power of holy spirit in presenting the cause of Home Missions, together with all our dear brothers and sisters, whom He has called to this special service at this time..

Yours in christ,

Cornelia F. Root.

Quincy, Michigan.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York City, N. Y..

Dear Sir:

It falls to my lot to address presbyterial meeting of Missionary Society this spring on missionary work among the children — its needs and advantages..

I am glad to be called to so pleasant a task, and hope to do something for the Master..

Can you send me anything that will assist, either in the way of statistics or suggestions? If no, it will be thankfully received.. If you send anything that requires payment state bill and I will return at once.

Of course I have the Pres. Home Miss.. and whatever it contains is at hand.. A review of what has been and is being done will be perhaps well, but I desire greatly that you will direct me, out of the fulness of your experience..

Yours for X and the children,

Mrs. J. Fisher.

New York City, N. Y.
Feb. 28, 1883.

Mrs. James M. Hunt,
Dear Madam:

At a meeting of Mr. Simpson's church 23rd and 8th Avenue part of the meeting was devoted to missionary work. I am a convert but recently Mrs. Dodge spoke of a saw mill in Alaska, that the Lord wanted some one to take charge of it. I am a machinist by trade, and if the Lord has not found any one I think I could take charge of it.

Mrs. Dodge said I could speak with you and I would like all the particulars. I am working every day, so if you could make it convenient to see me I could see you at any evening meeting of Mr. Simpson's church.. I am

Very sincerely yours,
W. Donald MacLeod.

Care of Mrs. Hunt,
289 W-22nd Street..

Harrisburg, Pa.
Feb. 28, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York City.

Dear Friend:

We have now on hand \$200. for Willard house.. Mrs. Haines wrote us that \$200. had been paid into the Board and Mrs. Wain letter from Mr. Sanborn, New York, said he had an order for \$600.. She wrote to him to send it to the Board at once, have not heard whether it has reached them or not.. However I send on the \$200. I would prefer sending it on and having the whole amount acknowledged at some time, if you say so, but if I had better keep \$300. for a while, I can do so, or if Mr. Sanborn has not yet sent on the \$600.. he might keep one half of his until needed for furniture, only sending Mr. Willard \$1500.00 for building. The \$300. in hands of Board was sent I think by this same church in N. J.— Mr. Sanborn.

I presume it is desirable that the building commence soon and that this money is sent on soon, but of course you know how it is to be done.. I am quite anxious to hear from you about the buildings at L. H. Newport and Danville. I hope all disposed of well and profitably..

Hoping to hear what I shall do with this money very soon, I am

Yours truly,
E. H. Bailey.

31 S. Front Street.

Marino, S. C.
Feb. 29, 1883.

Rev. H. Merrill,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Mr. Farland here burned February 9th.. Cause sparks from stove upstairs.. Family breakfasting.. Almost everything lost and poorly hurt.. Established old quarters..

Please telegraph orders and my quarters care Dr. Lindsay, Portland.. Report sent.. I expect to be delegate to Assembly. Can Bro. Young be sent also.
S. Hall Young.

Synod of Colorado.

Bozeman, Montana.

Dear Brethren:

I received a card from Brother Jackson a few days ago saying the "Monthly concert for March is Synod of Colorado." Please see that Western has the best possible presentation.* I suppose our old war horse has sent similar cards to the brethren of other territories, desiring to stir us generally and provoke a friendly rivalry..

Well I cannot do the "best" but I will try..

But first, about our Synod..

As there has been a consolidation and reconstruction of Synods in the East which has met with general favor, the mere suggestion of a division or a split-out west may meet with decided disfavor and frowns.. But the Brethren in the East must learn soon that we are on the eve of separation out here..

This is not due to any doctrinal differences, nor to any discussions or quarrels in Synod, but it is due to the fact that we have never been able to come together to compare notes.. We stretch from the Mexican line to the British border embracing one state and five territories. We have almost as much ground in our Synod as can be found in the United States east of the Mississippi river.. So we want to split up what has never been united except in the minutes of the general Assembly.. Unless I am greatly mistaken the Presbytery of Montana has only once been represented in the Synod of Colorado.. What is the natural result? We up north know our southern brethren of the Synod as well as we know the brethren in the far East.. The character of our work is also totally unlike that of New Mexico and Arizona.

Synod was once appointed to convene at Salt Lake City in order to accommodate us up here.. But the place was too far west for those living in Colorado, and it was too far away from us — though so much nearer than before..

There were not enough for a quorum. So the brethren have tried to manage the matter by convening synod about ten days before General Assembly hoping to catch the brethren from Utah and Montana and New Mexico on their way East as commissioners to General Assembly. By this means a quorum has been obtained. But what a quorum. To be sure the Gospel of Jesus Christ was a bond of union, but our methods of work and our difficulties are so radically different that mutual counsel avails little. It is not easy to fully appreciate one another's wants, or to legislate in Synod for one another intelligently.

Now the writer has never yet attended a meeting of Synod, either East or West, as our synod is to convene in Salt Lake City this spring he thought he would try to attend. The Colorado and New Mexico brethren have been so generous as to appoint it so near to Montana, that we ought to attend by all means. But how can we? The full fare from Boston to Salt Lake City is \$46.50. The other necessary expenses will amount to ten dollars. We get half fare rates in travel but not at hotels. The lowest estimated cost for attending Synod this spring — when so very near (?) is \$56.

The conclusion is not difficult to reach. I cannot go. "So near and yet so far" Perhaps the brethren will decide to send one of our number — each paying ten dollars toward his expenses.

Now I imagine one of my eastern brethren saying — "Certainly that is the way to do where you are so far apart" But he is not likely to bear in mind the fact that if Montana Presbytery only sends one man, Colorado must send three, or we have no quorum.

It all amounts to this:

The Synod of Colorado has no practical existence.

We propose therefore to split or divide — by the help of the next Assembly.

The Presbytery of Colorado must be divided into two Presbyteries, and they with Montana formed into a separate Synod. Even then our new Synod will cover more ground than the "New England states", the "Middle States" with Ohio and Indiana thrown in.

If our Eastern brethren will only see our synodical difficulties as they are, they will grant our request next May. But if there are any at Saratoga next May like that College Professor at the Buffalo Assembly who wanted to attach Kansas and Nebraska to the Synod of Colorado — we will not obtain our desire.

Truly yours,

Charles L. Richards.
East Springfield, N. Y.
March 1, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

Dear Brother:

The Presbyterian Sunday School of this place has

the honor and pleasure of contributing \$250. annually toward the support of Mr. and Mrs. Willard of Chiloat, Alaska as Home Missionaries. Their letters in return are not only eminently beautiful but eloquent in stirring our Ladies to double their efforts to sustain these faithful servants of the Lord, and the readings of these letters have created a sympathetic interest to do for them and especially to give liberally toward a "Willard Home" for the Chiloat boys and girls in the Ladies Home Missionary Societies of Carlisle Presbytery as you doubtless very well know.

Mrs. Willard wrote our Ladies five months ago of their anxiety to begin that Home and they at once contributed \$50. aside from their annual gifts to Home Missions for that specific purpose and last June forwarded it in draft to Treasurer of Women's Executive Committee with the request that it be sent at once to Mr. Willard.

The receipt of the sum was acknowledged but was not sent. Our Ladies would have forwarded it themselves to Mr. Willard but did not know any mode of a safe transmission and they felt not a little disappointed.

Today a draft for \$300. additional has been sent to Mrs. Boyd, Treasurer and I am desirous to ask you to look to it and see that it is at once forwarded to Alaska as Mr. and Mrs. Willard are anxious to receive it by the first steamer, so if possible to have the Home finished by next Autumn. Mrs. Wallace of Harrisburg has written me that our Ladies of Carlisle Presbytery have recently sent \$500. to the same object.

A good lady in our own congregation that has already contributed a liberal gift, promises \$300. additional to be forwarded within two months.

Prayer for you always but I have written for the Ladies some sympathies for Mr. and Mrs. Willard in their good work and amid all these peculiar trials are tender and strong.

Fraternally yours,
P. F. Sanbourn.

Schenectady, N. Y..
March 1-1893.

Dr. Jackson,
Dear friend:

On the 20th of February I received a letter from the corresponding secretary of our Presbyterial Society containing this remarkable sentence. "At a meeting of the Foreign Missionary Society here this afternoon, action was taken to the effect that if the Home Missionary Society

circulated a petition asking Congress to give \$50,000 for educational purposes in Alaska. Now, the Foreign Missionary Soc. would give it their hearty support.. I understood that Dr. Jackson had forms of the petition ready". Not comprehending their "action" I went over to Albany to see what it meant.. Found Mrs. March informed of it — not officially by notification, or consultation either from the movers of it nor from yourself — still Miss Plympton who was the moving spirit quoted Dr. J. as the inspirer of, and authority for, the paper and its statements.

We, the Synodical Com. regret this "action" — at least we regret the time and place at which it was made known to the ladies — at a Foreign Missionary meeting — when only Foreign reports were expected and foreign work, its ways and means were to be discussed. 'Twas very naïf a propos we think, and so too do many foreign workers, if we are to judge from the luzz.

They don't love Alaska any better than they did before for taking up their time..

I write you to beg you to understand that we do not believe this to be your wisdom, that 'tho it would please me and the rest of us too, to have \$50,000 devoted to Alaska, we think Miss Plympton must have misunderstood you if she thought you advised this way of proceeding to get it..

We think you would have sent her to consult with the ladies of the Synodical or Presbyterial Committee before propounding so remarkable a request to a Foreign gathering.. So if you find us quietly ignoring this most irregular action taking no notice of it in executive session, please do not see any disrespect to Dr. Jackson, or his desires.. We feel sure he would have confided first to us any scheme he thought urgent..

If this has been proposed to the Presbyterial Society if it is ever proposed to them, they most likely would say: "We need all our force at home. We have not yet learned to stand alone and will wait until we are more dignified in proportion and age before we appear in Congress with petitions.

We would recommend that such aid to Alaska as Congress can give, be drawn forth by some older or more influential society perhaps by the N. Y. Ex. Com. itself..

Can you find time to tell me what this move of Miss Plympton's meant? If you know, please add how and why it started and oblige your friend

Mary Potter..

(Mrs..B. F. Potter)

Yonkers, N. Y.
March 2, 1893.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York City.

My dear Sir: I am anxious that my people should have a sermon

or good talk on Home Missions.

If you are at liberty on March 8th, I would esteem it a great favor if you would take my morning service and the collection on that occasion will go to Home Missions.

Yours very sincerely,

Joan Dixon.

San Francisco, Cal.

March 3, 1933.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

We acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 22nd ulto with thanks.

Agreeably to your request we have sent a ministers reduced permit to Rev. S. Hall Young at Strangel.

Yours truly,

Goodale, Perkins & Co.

Genl. Agents.

Altoona, Penn.

March 3, 1933.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Bro:

Our "Home Missions" ladies in the Presbyterian churches in Altoona are desirous that you should visit this place and stir up us up in behalf of that cause.

They have heard that you could possibly come in April — the 2nd or 3rd Sabbath (8 prox. or 15th).

How about it? If you can come they and all of us will take great pleasure in arranging the meetings.

Please write and tell us whether you can come, — what date we may fix and what you would suggest in the way of meetings.

Yours Fraternally,

J. L. Russell.

Sitka, Alaska.

March 5, 1933.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.
New York City.

My dear Doctor:

Sin Jang..1st I have had three appeals from Kilisnoo

for a missionary or teacher..

It is not exactly in my line but I do not believe you will take it amiss if I were to suggest that you send one there even at the expense of losing one from the tribes farther North.. I suggest it for the following reason. As you already know, I for good, and (to me) sufficient reasons destroyed part of Angoon, one of the Hoots-noo villages. The chiefs of the tribe, together with Ka-chuckesse of the village of Nee-tus-kin 14 miles below say that they never again will take any violent measures against the whites and that they will no more hoo-che-noo.. They say, and I believe them, that when I am talking to them they feel as if they never again would do anything wrong, but when they go home they forget because they have no teacher.

Now, for the present, is entirely eradicated, they have a wholesome fear and respect for the whites and profess to be very fond of me and are anxious to do what I say.

I believe a beginning could be made now that would have a lasting effect, whereas if put off a year or so, it might be the same old story..

From the way the eastern papers have lashed me, they would no doubt laugh at me when I assert that I like these Indians and want to do them good, but you will readily believe it.. They certainly are a most interesting race and worth saving and I am of the opinion that where Indians are willing to work for wages as these Indians are, it is not hard to save them.. With a missionary who has piety added with common sense to assist the commanding officers I would undertake in three years to eradicate the worst evils among these Indians and place them on a footing that would compare favorably with the European emigrants.

I certainly in that time would stop their driving their women out of the house at child birth and stated periods, their medicine men incantations—making hoo-che-noo, witch craft and keeping slaves and tearing up blankets at their dances. If we once got that far civilization is near..

By the above I allude to the tribes that have now no teacher the Kakes, Takous, Aiks and Hootsnocs.

Austin seems to be getting along well here and is a first class man for the place.. I was very sorry to hear by this mail of the burning of the school house at Wrangel.. It will be a pull back for the Indians and a heavy blow to Mrs. McFarland. She is a heroine..

It is quite interesting to read the different accounts of what I did in burning Angoon. If they keep on I will rival Nero burning Rome.. One leading daily speaks of the "pitiless cold of an arctic night" of "that dreamy region of eternal ice".. At the time I was reading it

Morris was moaning in my cabin that he could get no ice to fill his ice house.. It does not seem possible that the editors of our leading dailies could be so far out of their knowledge of isothermal lines.. As a matter of fact the thermometer from October 25 to Dec..29 (since which I have not figured it) averaged at midnight 39.55 far.. The eastern people do not seem to have any other idea of southwestern Alaska than that it is exactly like Labrador.

You will readily understand me, when I say that it was like a bitter pill to me to decide to destroy the village but there was no other way.. Less than a month before I had been there and raided the town for Hoo-che-nee and interviewed the friends of an Indian who were demanding 100 blankets for his accidental death by running back to get his coat when the tree was already falling..

I talked to them a long time and fully explained the fallacy of their action. When their medicine man was killed they broke out beyond all bounds seized steamer, boats, stores and white men and declared they would kill the white men unless paid 200 blankets, half for the "abowman" and half for the man killed before.. I at once decided to do something that they would remember and to do it promptly and so demanded 400 blankets or double their demand.. They first demurred then said they would, but finally decided not and sent no word they would defend their town. I gave them a day to bring the blankets.. They employed the interval in removing their provisions and property. Ka-chuck-tu and some other Indians were busy. Jake broke open these houses, stole, so Ka-chuck-tu says, 160 blankets and sent me half, keeping the other half himself.. The scamp came himself with these 80 blankets and staid on board during the whole affair and so did the other chief Kunal-koo.

As nearly as I can ascertain from the Indians themselves but little of value was burned. From their account there were 20 houses in the village, 8 in front and 4 in the rear were saved, leaving 12 houses burned.. Kunal-koo's daughter says 6 were board houses and 14 were small slab houses. They do not seem inclined to rebuild these but at Killisnoo and next to Vanderbilt's house and store, to his great disgust..

I believed at the time it was the only thing to do and what I have heard and seen since confirms me in that opinion. The Indians now say frankly and have repeated it over and over in the various interviews I have had with them that they thought I would treat them "Boston man" fashion and that when I had left they would have killed them..

I would like to know what the Press would have said if I had gone away without punishing them and these two men had been killed.. One miserable scamp (J. G. Fletcher) do

you know him, was working there at the time and had much to say about the sentimentality of sparing some of their houses and their winter provisions and even urged me to destroy the house of a white man named Boyne, in the lagoon, because he was living with an Indian woman.

After a time he had a difficulty with the N. S. trading Company and in January, about 3 months after the occurrence has an interview with the S. F. Chronicle that the burning was a conspiracy between the Company, Morris and myself to scatter the Indians and destroy the Company's tickets in the hands of the Indians.

The record said that about \$1200. worth of tickets were destroyed and that some Indians lost about 800 blankets. I learn from the Company that they had out \$9.00 worth of tickets at that time. He begins this interview by saying that the Indians spent the night previous in taking everything of value back to the woods and then concludes by saying some lost as high as 800 blankets.

Such is life here.

Yours truly,
E. C. Merriam.

Newcastle, Penn.
March 8, 1893.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Brother:

You will pardon me when I tell you I have a secret to tell you. In my daughter's last letter she expresses some fear that the best money my, by some means, got into the Board and not reach the purpose for which it was intended, or rather in the way they desire.

Since receiving your last letter and learning the difficulties in the way as well as the prospect of a better mail and supplies facilities, I have thought much upon the subject and have come to the conclusion that it would be best to forward the money at once in small drafts say from fifty to one hundred dollars, as then it would be available in case of necessity.

With the first request for money to build a boat was also one that it be sent to them. Believing you would understand what was needed, and not anticipating any difficulty in procuring it, I thought best to follow the plan pursued with which Mr. Willard expressed himself satisfied.

If he has the money he can use it as ording to his own pleasure and judgment and no fault can be found with any one. If it is not needed in that way, it may help in the Home which they wish to commence as soon as the funds

are sent on.

Very truly yours,
Mrs. Jos. Miller.

Harriaburg, March 8, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

I am waiting to know what to do about the funds for Willard House.

If to be sent out next steamer suppose they should be sent.

We are greatly distressed to hear of loss at Fort Wrangle -- glad to know no lives lost.

Have heard from Russell but nothing said about Nepal and Mason. Am interested to know if all passed off well. Will wait for your answer.

Write you last week.

Yours,

Mrs. C. L. Bailey.

Chelsea, Mass.
March 4, 1883.

Dr. Sheldon Jackson,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Your favor of the 15th of February was duly received. My delay in responding was owing, first, to an effort toward another letter and to illness.

The first of the "letters" which I sent you, dated June 21st, 1881, is the first one that can be found, or is known to have been written from Hitha. Since you read it before its leaving there you will no doubt be able to say it is the one or no. In the reference she makes to a former letter she may mean the one written from Fort Wrangle. If so there is nothing of interest for publication in it, and if not, it must surely be lost, since I have made every possible effort to obtain it without success.

I hope you are experiencing no trouble or difficulty with them, and that we may soon be able to distribute some of them.

I would be glad to know when we may expect them, as I have been asked a good many times by friends, interested and visiting copies.

I thank you very much for the leaflets, am glad to

read one from Mr. Austin so full and complete as to their work and efforts. We are very much interested in them and thankful for their generous and noble aid to our friends and pray they may be blessed and prospered in every way.

Yours truly,

Mrs. S. Mc.Clintock.

Brooklyn, N. Y.

March 6, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York City.

Dear Brother:

I called at 269 West 22nd street yesterday and made inquiries about Mr. McLeod. He is a young man without family, a machinist by trade.

He is a young convert and I fear too inexperienced to take charge of the business of the mill if we retain the control of it. I found he had written me and found his letter awaiting my arrival, home last night.

I left a request for him to come and see me and promise he will come over Saturday evening. I will enclose his note in this. I wish you might see him and perhaps you will be able to.

In the meantime, suppose you write to Mr. Gould and find a little more definitely what terms the Agent is willing to make for the saw mill.

I have thought it might be well for Mr. Leod to read your book on Alaska, as he has probably very little idea of the country, or what he is offering himself for. He is not fitted for service there now. It may be the Lord would have him in training for the work in future.

Yours in the blessed work,

Mrs. J. M. Ham.

P. S. I would like to send Mrs. Jackson some leaflets just published by Miss Dodge for personal circulation among christian women of our country. If she has any friend who would make good use of them I would be glad to send her more for such a purpose.

I feel that this is one way in which, with God's blessing we can arouse our countrywomen to a sense of their responsibility and duty to the women in heathen lands.

Oh, that we could imagine ourselves in their places would we not expect them to come to our relief. Surely then will not God require it at our hands, if we sit at ease and care not if they perish.

Portland, Oregon.

Mar. 6, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson.

Dear Bro: Mr. Austin at Sitka files us asking us to send you

itemized bills of September 6 -- October 25 and 30 and December 20th. We suppose it refers to the same bills for which we have already sent you itemized bills.

If not what bills do you mean. We do not find bills either against him or the Institute corresponding to those dates. Do you want itemized bills of family supplies sent him, if yes we will send them, but suppose you only mean those charged to the Institute. We have not heard from you since sending those bills several weeks ago.

We are very sorry indeed of the sad loss of the Mr. Farland home. It should have been fully insured as should the Jackson Institute be. You can effect the insurance in New York we think.

Bills here have advanced prices of lumber considerably will send you card of prices. You cant do any better. Orders ahead for some time.

If you will need lumber for My steamer for rebuilding Bow at Wrangle we would have the order soon to be sure of filling.

Write us.

Respectfully yours,
Walker & Elliott.

Chilliwatke,
March 5, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

Just a word to ask about the conclusion of that article on Father's life and work in Colorado.

Is it to be finished? To my mortification I have told my friends it was to be concluded in the March number.

To be left as it is seems too bad, better never to have been commenced. If I could only have the manuscript I could not so much regret it, but that is now destroyed.

The Illinois meetings are finished and Ohio begun.

We are looking anxiously for Dr. Armstrong's appearance on the scene of action. Mr. Hill and I seem to be alone.

I do hope these meetings will result in great good, and we be permitted to see results.

We are to go to Lima and Toledo next week it seems.

Yours sincerely,
Francis B. Walker.

Jackson, Alaska.
March 7, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Brother:

Mr. Purdy and one other white man Clarence somebody,

and two Indians were upset in his boat while crossing Cordova Bay and all lost save one Indian who reached the shore and was picked up by a passing canoe.

This happened during the heavy wind of the 6th. We are now searching for the dead bodies. The Indians are acting like men and we think that there will be no trouble with them, and I believe that they all loved Mr. Purdy.

I suppose that the friends will all regret the absence of Mr. Gould and Chief Schutke at this time, but while I am here don't be afraid.

I want my last commission changed both in date and salary. Please date it from the time the first expires and with the same salary.

I am willing to quit or take a new mission or continue here. The people at Klawack want me to come there and teach.

Remember us, all you have enough and to spare, is my request.

J. E. Chapman.

Honolulu, Penn.
March 9, 1883.

My dear Mrs. Penn:

I handed this, together with your postal card to me, to one of the principal ladies, who asked me to say that at present our ladies do not think that they can take up anything else. The demands upon their time and efforts are very heavy, and I think they should not be burdened any further.

Nothing contributed to the Woman's Home Board as such.

Truly yours,

Henry C. Westwood.

P. S. While writing I would say this, personally I am sorry that the Woman's Home Missionary Society has been organized as the tendency will be to create rivalries and contentions, I fear, and possibly to weaken the influence and power of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

How long will it be before we have the Woman's Board of Relief, the Woman's Freedmen's Board and the like? Our church gives largely to Home Missions and this year will do better than last, so that we do not need any Woman's Home Missionary Society at present at least.

I have not tried to influence my ladies at all and am pleased to find that they feel glad to do all they can, but I should be sorry to have them overburdened.

H. C. W.

Harrisburg, Penn.
March 9, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Yours received. Have now sent over \$1,000.00 for the Villard House. Will you please see that of all funds raised there shall be enough to furnish as well as build.

Am anxious to know of particulars of loss at Fort Wrangle.

Yours truly,
Mrs. C. L. Bailey.

Jamaica, N. Y.
March 10, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed find check for \$44.34 the balance of payment on bill for Sitka.

Yours respectfully,
Anne F. Hutchinson,
Treas.

Yonkers, N. Y.
March 10, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

My dear Sir:

Since the receipt of your postal I have had a conversation with the Rev. Mr. Reid, pastor of the First Presbyterian church.

It will be impossible for you to visit both churches at the same Sabbath. If you should go to him at all it would be best to preach in the morning. It would be a mistake to talk to my people in the evening I. R. I would not anticipate anything like so deep an interest in Home Missions as I hope would result from your preaching in the morning.

Please then send me a postal naming the Sabbath on which you will come to us. Please do not come April 22nd I exchange with Dr. Phraner on that day.

Sincerely yours,
John Dixon.

Portland, Oregon.
March 12, 1883.

Dear Dr. Jackson:

Yours of February 22nd was sent back to me here from

Port Townsend and is just received. I am very thankful to you for your kindness in writing to Goodale and Perkins for reduced rates for self and mine and also for securing half-fare rates and reductions on the R. R. Co's. I shall not forget your kindness.

The telegraph has told you of our great loss and before you get this you will doubtless have read my letters to the Secretaries of the Board.

The Portland people of both churches have surprised me by their hearty response to my appeal for immediate supplies. I packed and sent by the Eureka nine cases of clothing, bedding etc. And many groceries were also donated. About fifty dollars were sent besides. I hope to do still more for the mission -- possibly something towards new buildings -- before I leave Portland. All are very cordial and sympathetic.

It is as certain as anything of the kind can be before election, that I will be elected delegate to General Assembly.

The burning of the Home and the failure of that L. C. in West Virginia Presbytery to send letters to Bros McFarland & Gould in time for Synod to call a meeting and organize our Alaska Presbytery are two new and strong reasons for my going to General Assembly besides the many that existed before. I think that there will now be no difficulty in getting General Assembly to organize our Presbytery.

I have written to Dr. Randall about Mrs. Young going East with me as well as Susie and the babies. I am convinced that my wife could do a great deal for our mission much more than enough to pay for her expenses. She will be all ready to come down by the April steamer which will probably go straight to San Francisco, and meet me in San Francisco.

She has not yet decided to go with me because I have not decided that I was able to take her. I can't without encouragement, I can't bear the expense myself. If she can be called in any way as a delegate, or permitted to work independently during the summer for her boy's institution and hospital and take her expenses out of what she can raise I shall feel easy about taking her.

I do not want to do anything without the approval of the Board. But I am very anxious to take my family with me.

If Mrs. Young cannot go now it is not probable she will get another chance for many years and she will probably never see her mother again on earth. Then I want her to see Mrs. Faines and the other officers of the W. M. C. and have a definite understanding about her work. She can be as efficient as any one in stirring up an interest in her and Mrs. McFarland's branches of the work.

Now the Presbytery of Oregon meets the 20th of this

month. I shall not leave Oregon if elected to General Assembly until about April 1st when I shall go to San Francisco there await the arrival of my family or what part of it is to go East.

If you think the way is clear for me to take my family with me so as not to throw too heavily on my purse and if Dr. Kendall has not already written me to the same effect it time for his letter to reach me here before the 1st please telegraph me here at my expense in order that I may send word to Mrs. Young by the April boat which is to leave Port Townsend for the North on April 5th.

Mrs. Graham has indeed met a great reward. Mrs. McFarland will mourn her deeply. Please do what you can to bring about a cordial state of feelings between Mrs. Haines and Mrs. McFarland. I am anxious myself to meet Mrs. Haines.

None of the Wrangle or Hydah missionaries will complain of the change.

I rejoice with you at the large bequests to the Home Board.

My little cabinet is hardly worth selling. I shall however take some of the finest articles with me and I shall give you some for the Princeton museum i. e. if I can get them brought down in time to take them with me.

Please telegraph me here what is necessary and write me at San Francisco. I want to stir San Francisco up a little on the subject of our Alaska work. I have a few entering wedges for that city.

Regards to friends.

God bless and reward you.

In hope,

L. Hall Young.

Baltimore, Md.

March 12, 1883.

Dr. Sheldon Jackson,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Jackson:

We were so terribly shocked and grieved to hear that the Home at Wrangle was burnt. And our sewing society has just sent Mrs. McFarland a nice large box.

Have you any particulars, anything beyond what was published in last week's Observer and Evangelist? If you have will you let us of the Brown Memorial church have them? Was everything lost?

Personally I am anxious to know whether Mrs. McFarland lost her student's lamp, which some of us sent her in this box. She mentioned it as having been so grateful to her eyes and if she did lose it she must have another and I

hope we will not have to wait to hear about it all the way from Wrangle.

If you can send us any information concerning this dreadful calamity please let us have it.

As our sewing society meets Thursday morning I shall be very much obliged if you will write at once, please, as the ladies are eager to hear.

Will the insurance be enough to rebuild the Home?
Hoping this letter will reach you tomorrow morning and that you can send me a speedy answer I remain.

Very sincerely yours,
Hetty Whitely.

Address
Miss Whitely,
343 Linden Ave.

Newcastle, Penn.
March 12, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother:

Your letters of March 7th and 8th duly received.
How sad that those homes so much needed should be destroyed. May the Lord open the hearts of the people and strengthen the faith of His servants that they may go forward.

Your last suggestion I think will be satisfactory to all, and I would be glad to have it followed out. It has seemed to me that it would be a good plan to have the statement made through the Presbyterian Home Missionary (if that is still the intention) that Mrs Willard's letters will be published as a sabbath school book, so that copies may be sent in and some assurance obtained of its success financially.

Please pardon the suggestion.

Thanking you for your trouble and interest taken in our best enterprise.

I remain as ever

Yours truly,
Mrs. Jos. S. White.

Philadelphia, Penn.

Dear Dr. Jackson:

I received your note this A. M. through Dr. Mc. Donnell. I shall be glad to give you the talking time say 10 to 40 minutes of our meeting of an hour next Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. I had arranged for this meeting as preparatory

to our collection for home missions next Sabbath before I knew you were to be in the city. I was to have two or three of our laymen speak, but I will countermand the invitation to them and shall rely upon you, giving you the whole time.

Our church is on Walnut street west of 39th. Will you not spend the night at my house, or if not take tea about 6 or 6.30. Please let me hear from you at once. My house is 4001 Pine street.

Yours truly,
J. W. Dana.

Galesville, Wis.
March 12, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Mont Clair, N. Y.

Dear Bro:

I am trying to gather again all the original remnants of our Presbytery for one quarter Century celebration at our approaching meeting April next.

Most earnestly do we all wish you to be present. You will be gladly heard, if talking of early reminiscences of frontier experiences of Alaska, of Women's Board of Home Missions, to your hearts content. And we will act as you urge, to the utmost limit next to that object which is making a sacrifice of us all, the care of the Christian school here confided to our charge.

In case you cannot come then be pleased to write me something for the collection of memoranda such memoranda as shall wake our gratitude and confirm our trust.

We are to have a silver thank offering, a gathering for our school from all that can be reached.

And thirdly we shall be favored by Rev. J. W. Sanderson with a discourse upon the future of Presbyterianism on our ground.

Now fix your plans if possible to make this point before going to Assembly.

Believe me, while hoping to see you

Most truly yours,
J. Irvin Smith.

Houston, Texas.
March 13, 1883.

Dr. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Brother:

I cannot think of the burning up of the home at Wrangle with any patience. How many 10,000 houses all

over this land built of wood, well shingled, with brick chimneys -- stand until they rot down.

But here is such a building standing far from any other building -- in a country where it rains nearly every day in the year, after being on fire once or twice before burns down in broad daylight. And that stands another inquiry. What was the radical difficulty that two such men as Young and Mr. Farland could not have prevented the catastrophe.

I was willing the building should be covered with fire proof cement as asked for and as ordered by the Board, but I could not see then nor can I see now why any such extra provisions should be necessary if the building was any thing such as half the money it cost ought to provide.

I have no patience with the whole thing and coming now after repeated warnings and so soon after the burning of the Sitka buildings. I am ready to wish Alaska had never been discovered or purchased. It is one continued drain on us -- disaster following disaster -- continually.

If there are any known facts in the case do let me have them for I am in such a mood that I am somewhat dangerous.

I have not heard any word from the office except the bare announcement of the facts. Had me something on the subject, if there is one mitigating circumstance I should like to know. Please ask Mr. Boyd to send me letters on that or any other subject.

The rain is pouring down today and lightning is flashing and thunder crashing in the sky.

Had a fraternal interview on fraternal relations with Dr. Smith, editor of N. W. Presbyterian, New Orleans. If he sends his paper to N. H. N. please put it on the exchange list and "don't forget it".

Have you had your campaign via. Ringdewton, N. H. etc?

Yours truly,
Henry Kentall.

Newcastle, Penn.
March 13, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Brother:

Yesterday I wrote you in reference to the boat money. As I lay awake last night the subject was presented to my mind in a different aspect. It might be that Mr. Willard could use the money to advantage immediately, and in the way agreed upon, it would be at best one or two months before he could obtain it. It seems best therefore to send it

directly to him and he can deposit it if he so desired.

Yours truly,
Mrs. Jos. White.

Cortland, N. Y.
March 13, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.
New York, N. Y.

Dear Bro:

I have just received word from Secretaries Kendall and Roberts that we may have the pleasure of a visit from you next week on Wednesday the 21st inst., in the interest of Home Missions.

We will be heartily glad to see you and I will at once proceed to make arrangements for the meetings proposed an afternoon meeting for the women and children and a general meeting in the evening.

Do not fail to come to us or if for any reason you should not be able to come be sure to let me know before Sabbath if possible.

You may remember staying with us once at Rochester, we will be glad to have another visit in this home.

Yours fraternally,
J. L. Robertson.

Hornellsville, N. Y.
March 13, 1883.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

I am very glad to hear from the Secretaries of your proposed trip in the interests of Home Missions.

We shall be very happy to welcome you, and I will be glad to have you occupy both morning and evening of Sunday April 1st.

We will also appoint a meeting for you with the Ladies and children on Saturday March 31st at 3 o'clock.

Lets have a rousing field day for Home Missions.

Yours fraternally,
W. A. Niles.

P. S. Inform me on what train to expect you.

Binghamton, N. Y.
March 13, 1883.

Dr. Jackson.

Dear Sir:

I have just received a message from the Home Secretaries saying that you are about setting out for a H. M.

campaign and that you are prepared to take Binghampton (women and children included) next Sunday March 16th.

Well, come on. We shall be willing captives. Will have arrangements made for you to address the people on Sunday and to meet the ladies on Monday afternoon perhaps. You can speak twice on the Sabbath morning and evening, can you not?

Send in advance of your coming a postal card naming the day and hour of your arrival and be sure that you do not disappoint us. March 18th is the date remember.

Yours in Him,
G. Parsons Nichols.

Philadelphia, Pa.
March 13, 1883.

Dr. Jackson?

Dear Sir:

Owing to the deep affliction through which Mrs. Stryker, our President of Presbyterian Society, has just passed, in the death and burial of her husband we do not feel sure just what she may have written to you in extending to you the hospitalities of our city.

In this uncertainty Mrs. Wigton one of our Vice Presidents desires me to say to you that, unless you have made other engagements, she will consider it a privilege if you would be her guest while here to address our Thursday's meeting (Thursday 15th at 3 o'clock) in Assembly room, 1554 Chestnut street. She will expect you to lunch at noon of that day. The sixteenth street cars will take you to sixteenth and Spring Garden -- then give you a pass out Spring Garden street to her residence 1811 Spring Garden street.

Very sincerely with regards,
E. S. Dickey.

Hydah Mission,
Jackson Alaska.
March 14, 1883.

To the Secretaries of the Board
of Home Missions:

Without the prescribed blank, I address myself to the task of my first annual report as missionary, under your commission to the people known as Hydah Indians, hesitatingly because of the remembrance of the vastness of your work and the multitude of little insensitivities, in the persons of missionaries who are constantly asserting themselves and clamoring for attention. I could not give in reasonable

space & history of my past year, as I fear some make strained reports, I am loath to explain delays and irregularities inevitable.

But perhaps meaningfully to you there, only needing proper energy and discretion, then I reflect how some dwell on their trials and the importance of their work I am constrained to delay magnifying my office on paper, and yet when immortal souls are at stake why not? And however vividly the picture might be drawn the reality could not be impressed upon those far away.

The last three months has been very full of interest and incident and not barren of trials and triumphs.

Interesting because most of our people came home for the holidays and some visitors were here, so we had some four hundred people in town, church and school were full and often our own narrow quarters were overflowing. All were anxious to know how to "keep Christmas" and tried to do as we directed. Some did much more. Nearly all were attentive to the religious services, learned and sang fairly new Christmas songs, and manifested much interest in the story of the advent.

They gave us songs and prayers in the night, Christmas eve, a cheerful contrast with night scenes here but a few years gone by.

They have been interesting to us because of many novel scenes we were permitted to witness and the grand feasts in which we were permitted to participate where we were assigned places of honor, courteously without undue display. Also for the excellent opportunities afforded for studying the customs and characteristics of these peculiar people, enabling us the better to understand their needs and capacities.

Eventful because of controversies with medicine men, witchcraft, slavery, polygamy and some other things no less harmful in all of which the majority, and all the men of influence are now, professedly, on the "Bible" side.

Now houses on the Boston plan have reached completion to the "paying off" which formerly meant, feasts, the distribution of property, costly blankets, hideous dresses and human sacrifices, dog eating etc, now feasting and giving which was conducted mainly in an orderly and to their mind, fair manner.

And not least under this head that threatened violence has been strained in the many differences and strifes which in the absence of a sense of right and the fear of law are constantly moving the peace of their winter towns.

Among trials we enumerate, several storms, sickness in our family and among our people, need of many things, which time and means, through our friends in the East, we love to say, will supply; some disappointment of hopes built upon the

pledges of the natives and promises important to us, made by others here.

Of the triumphs we are now in good health, the storms have not broken our shelter nor destroyed our substance nor harmed us beyond wetting, chills and transient fears. Quiet reigns in our town, there are evidences of improvement, some of our people manifest love for the Master and seem trying to live as christians.

So we are encouraged to go forward and warranted in promising that the Hydah's will show a progress in civilization and wield a christian influence on less acceptable tribes, sufficient to justify any expenditure of labor means or faith we may ask or give for them.

Obediently yours in the gospel,
J. Loomis Gould.

Blairstown, N. J.
March 14, 1883.

Rev. Dr. Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Can you speak at Newton, N. J. in the coming of April 5th prox.

It is very desirable you should if possible. We have an annual meeting of our Presbyterian Missionary Society during the day.

Will you please apply to Miss L. D. Thompson, Newton as soon as you can.

Yours truly,
Mrs. H. D. Gregory.

Lyons, N. Y.
March 14, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

A notice sent by Dr. Kendall and Dr. Roberts has just been received forwarded from Owego, N. Y. my home until recently. I have returned it to one of the elders of that church requesting him to make the necessary arrangements.

Will you come to Wayne County. If so I should be glad to welcome you at Lyons.

Yours truly,
L. A. Ostrander.

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Florida, N. Y.
March 15, 1883.

Rev. Dr. Jackson,
New York City.

Dear Bro:

We are anticipating your visit at our meeting of Pres-
bytery (Hudson) here.

We had a rousing Home Missionary meeting, for the
tuesday evening meeting April 17th at 4.30 P. M.

We should like to have you if you prefer, to come up
in the morning at 9 o'clock. You can return in the evening
and reach New York at 9.25 if you wish.

Perhaps I may see you at the Mission room before
that time.

Cordially yours,
A. L. Clark.

Jones, N. Y.
March 16, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Doctor:

Yours of the 8th came this evening just in time to
prevent my resignation as Indian teacher from going in to-
morrow mail. General Howard left here this morning and
he tried hard to cheer me up but I could not shake up my mind
to try any longer.

The General seemed much pleased with our school
and made a nice report to the Secretary about it.

I have a letter written to send after him in which
I tell him I have heard from the Board and will continue
at Jones in the Government service.

Our school has been large and I am tired of teaching
and tired of the red tape of the Government. Then to think
of a Mexican catholic being appointed for purely political
purposes. I don't know how long we can stand it but I
suppose I will have to make the attempt.

I am to go to the Assembly and also elder Living-
stone of Santa Fe. I must go east to arrange for the little
boys. I have informed the Board and have asked for half
fare R. R. for myself and Mrs. Shields. I am applying for
60 days leave from April 13th and am afraid the Board will
not try to send me R. R. permits.

Could you do anything for me? I have not been feel-
ing well and I am compelled to teach and preach and doctor
and be kept so close I don't know how it will be.

General Howard said he would recommend that I or
whoever was here in charge should not have to teach.

Mrs. Shields is well and we have two baby boys. Both

have been quite unwell. Otho. and Harvey are well and in the same place at school. God willing I hope to see you and will not go into details about our work.

Mrs. Shields joins in sending love to you all.

Your brother in Christ,

J. M. Shields.

Peekskill, N. Y.
March 16, 1903.

Sheldon Jackson,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

It is with much pleasure I write to inform you it will be most acceptable to us to have you address our churches on the Sabbath mentioned (March 25th).

We would be pleased that you should address us both morning and evening.

Yours truly,

J. K. Trowbridge.

Pittsburg, Mo.
March 17, 1903.

Dear Dr. Jackson:

Your letter reached me on my arrival here and until today I have not felt myself able to say anything definite to you on the question of my going to Alaska.

I have given the subject my utmost thought ever since you were in my room at Washington. And this is the way the matter looks to me.

After consideration and consultation with friends here and elsewhere. You desire to effect legislation upon two points as regards Alaska; education and law. Education to be supported by government schools under the charge of the Bureau of Education. Law to be established so that life and property shall be safe and education available.

Two obstacles are in the way. A great organization, and ignorance of the people and country and apathy as a consequence.

To effect the two ends desired and to overcome the two obstacles it is proposed that I go to Alaska make myself acquainted with the people, study the possibilities of the Indians there, see the efforts already in operation, mark the barren spots and hear the cries for help and then return to do my best and make my report heard and bear fruit in legislation.

This inaugurates a hard fight. One where the situations must be fully realized, the personal experience large

and accurate and resources ample. It is a fight that if properly equipped I would be willing to undertake and hope for a median of success, but if I were not properly equipped I would not like to attempt it for I should fail.

One thing is needful for the battle -- time enough to master the situation. A year is needed at the least. I could hardly undertake it with less time to study the conditions. I should want to see more than the coast and the spots where work has been done, it would be better to know things that would be met aside than be overlapped by the opposition in personal observation.

Now as to this year, I do not see my way clear to start before the last of the year and so spend all next winter and summer to be back in November 1884. It is my plain duty not to drop the important work laid upon me in completing the Omaha altitudinal and settling the people. If I should stop as things are now or even by June, I should justly in reproach and be regarded as lacking in thoroughness and faithfulness and thereby lessen my influence in behalf of Alaska.

If with a completed and I trust successful record I accomplish the delicate and difficult task assigned me and if I am able to fulfill my literary and scientific engagements then I shall be prepared to give to Alaska the momentum of my former work and thus help to a successful issue.

I know it is hard to wait a year, better that than to fail, but it may be that you can send some one else, tho' I think the time too short for any one. I should want to visit the fisheries and see the enemies camp as far as possible and know where I speak and I think any one you should send ought to be so informed as to facts.

It has cost so much to find the path of duty, for one longs to help when help is needed, but reason must govern impulses and it is clear to me that my duty forbids any trying to go to Alaska this summer.

I hope that you will think that this decision is for the best good. Shall be here for 10 or 12 days.

Yours sincerely,
A. C. Fletcher.

Pittsburg, Penn.
March 17, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Yours of 14th is received. Miss Fletcher is now with me. She would be exceptionally qualified for the undertaking you mention and would be glad to enter upon it if it

were presented, as to time and method, in a way compatible with her engagements and conditions.

She has other imperative work that cannot be accomplished before mid-summer at the earliest.. She would not undertake the Alaska investigations under missionary obligations or control. And above all, her belief in thorough first hand knowledge of the whole question, as a condition to success in advocating the measures you desire and in meeting the mercenary and unscrupulous antagonism you must overcome, is so absolute that she would not undertake within the remnant of the year to master on the spot the needful knowledge of the people, their work and capabilities, and the facts of the situation under the manipulation of the seal fishery interest..

I think further interviews between Miss Fletcher and yourself may open the way for doing the work..

Very truly yours,
William Brewster.

Christal Springs, N. Y.
March 17, 1883.

Dear Dr. Jackson:

I wrote you several days ago via New York and for fear that it may rise you I hint again at the contents.. As your Sunday in Alaska is near the folks feared the missionary sermon if foretold might not be as attractive as usual, but I suggested we could announce you for "the spirit of the risen Lord in his church" meaning the spirit of obedience to his rising command. That or some other topic you may prefer.. I thought you could easily make Easter ceremonies help you.

If I am not at home Dr. Cowles will help you, only keep the longer finger where you can make it short, or that the music may narrow your limits.. In the evening how would it do to give the service Alaska, you tacking on whatever territory you please.

Please write me here and I will have things arranged arriving in Alaska inquire for Elder U. S. Converse who would meet you at the train if he knew which..

Hope you are having a good time.. Shall be sorry not to hear you but the doctor has me.

Yours truly,
W. A. Knox.

Washington, D. C. March 16, 1883.

Dr. Sheldon Jackson,

My dear Sir:

I expect to meet you again at the Treasury department

in reference to the Wriggle buildings etc. but failed to connect, although I heard of you being there.

There is no hitch at all in your obtaining the order. Provided the Department decide to take possession of the buildings. All the papers have been on the Secretary's table for a week for his action, but he has been too unwell to attend to my business.

Tomorrow I will see his private Secretary and see if the portion cannot be attached to Judge French for his decision.

I think it is very doubtful if the Secretary will be well enough to attend to business for some time. His friends are only desirous that he should make a sea voyage and go away from here to recuperate.

Whenever the question is decided in regard to the buildings, your application will be a mere matter of routine and will of course be granted.

I have waited to see the Secretary until now, but as he may not be out for days, the Department will take up the various questions and decide them.

It looks now as if the Port of Wriggle will not be abolished.

Mr. Oakford writes me expressing much sympathy with Mrs. McFarland etc. He also announces the coming of Mr. Young to these parts.

I shall be at New York next week and will accept your invitation to call at your home quarters.

Yours truly,

Ed. Gouverneur Morris.

The First Presbyterian Church of Groton, Brown County, Dakota, was organized Sunday March 16, 1883 by Presbyterian missionary W. S. Peterson. Steps toward the gathering of this church were first taken in the fall of 1882.

Through the Rev. Mr. Heritt of Woodport, N. Y. and the Presbyterian Board of Home Missions, request was made for a Presbyterian church at Groton. In answer to this request the Presbyterian missionary came to Groton called on several of the settlers and spent Sabbath, Nov. 18 preaching morning and evening in the depot waiting room.

Appointment was made for organization of the church on Sunday December 17. This failed by the detention of Mr. Peterson by a snow blockade. Through the winter occasional services were held by Rev. R. H. Hooks of Columbia. At a meeting held Sabbath afternoon March 4, it was arranged that effort should be made for a union with

brethren of the Congregational church in Groton and that organization should take place on Sabbath the 19th as per appointment. The effort at union failed when it was decided to organize a Presbyterian Church.

An outline of Presbyterian doctrine was read and to it assent was given and the following named persons being present entered into covenant:

J. S. Gordon, Eliza Gordon,
Trophagen, Mrs. Trophagen.
E. K. Lathrop, Mrs. C. E. Lathrop,
Miss ———— Bisham.
L. H. Jeff
A. A. Pratt.

the latter writing on profession of faith.

Attached to the request for organization were also the following names:

It was decided to call the church First Presbyterian of Groton.

Messrs J. S. Gordon, Trophagen, D. E. Johns, were elected trustees.

Mr. E. K. Lathrop was chosen Elder. It was arranged that ordination of the Elder should take place at the first communion service. After prayer and benediction by the Moderator W. S. Peterson, the meeting adjourned.

Albuquerque, N. M.
March 19, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York City.

My dear Sir:

Your letter of March 8 received.

I am very glad to know that we will not be disturbed. I am anxious to work along here until we have a good large school. I understand our contract expires on March 31st. Will it be renewed? I suppose it is not yet time to push the department for an increase of compensation but we ought to move it. I understand that Hampton the Government give \$197..per pupil each year. We ought to have as much if not more.

I wrote some time ago to Pedro Sanchez asking him to visit the school and I enclose his answer. It is rather non-committal but more than I expected. I will

keep matters smooth on this end if such a thing is possible..

I understand that the new Agent is a great politician and he will, of course act for the advancement of his interests.

I have many matters that I would like to consult you about but they hardly are worth writing about.

If I can have the school a year longer I can fill it up without doubt, it matters not how large a building they erect.

If the Government does not appropriate money enough to run two schools at Carlsale and Supton is it reasonable to expect that they would do so for this school. If not how could this school be maintained if the appeal for aid was not made through the machinery of such a Board as ours?

If the Secretary knew this would he hesitate giving the contract to us?

Yours very truly,
R. W. D. Bryan.

Santa Fe., N. M. March 14, 1883

Mr. R. W. D. Bryan,
Albuquerque, N. M.

Dear Sir:

On my arrival to this city I found your kind letter dated the 11th inst.. Though I am not qualified yet to enter upon the performance of my duties as Indian Agent, I will nevertheless make you a visit and I assure you that I fully endorse the principle of educating the Indians and I shall do my best to promote and protect their education..

You can rely upon having my hearty cooperation in every move that is consistent in developing their future..

To educate them is in my judgment the wisest step to civilize them.

I will assure you further that I highly appreciate the great interest you have taken in their education.

Yours truly,
(signed) Pedro Sanchez.

Sitka, Alaska.

March 19, 1883..

Dear Dr. Jackson:

When the steamer left last month, it was expected that she would be back by the 10th of March, but she has

not put in an appearance yet. I am so busy and shall be when she arrives, I will begin a letter tonight and finish on her arrival.

We have had but one clear day so far this month. Linnie has taken some pictures of the Home etc., which I will mail to you. Have sent a number to Mrs. Haines.

They are working away at the Rose yet. After launching her she leaked so much they had to beach her again and calk her from stem to stern. She is in the water now and her cabin work will be finished in about two days. As soon as the Mureka leaves they will bring her to the wharf and put the smokestack in, connect the machinery and then she will leave for Chilcat. Mr. Willard's folks are nearly crazy at the delay. Mr. Styles has been quite sick but is at work again on the building. He intended to have returned to Koonah by her, but will not go now as all the Indians have gone away for the season and it would be a waste of time and money.

I should have to hire the Igloo to finish our Home. If Mr. Willard had his steam launch both of them would have been at their stations some time ago. It is too dangerous to travel in small boats at this season of the year. Mr. Purdy who had charge of the E. V. F. Co's store at Jackson has been drowned. I think you know him.

Maj. Morris notified us before leaving to remove the lumber etc. used in fitting up the old stable for our use after the fire, as he intended to take it down on his return. I removed the lumber last week and am using it on the Home. After school today we removed the ball. We have laid a floor over one of the large dormitories. The one next to the L-room towards Mr. Malaya, which we shall use for the girls. Have nearly all of the rooms used by the children whitewashed.

Had to buy a barrel of lime from Mr. B. I fear that will not be enough. Have the new flag and several nice pictures hung in the school room and have sawed off the tops of the benches. Mrs. Tom says they are "junks" now. All the lower floor is laid except room between school and kitchen will have to wait for flooring to finish it, and for turned posts for front stairs, looks for outside doors etc.

School room looks nicely with the exception of the ceiling. You will remember that we had to use planks of different widths, spline them over the ball and we had to fit them up to lay the floor, this makes it look rough and ragged.

Have it whitewashed as well as possible, but if we intended to remain it permanently or for several years it ought to be celled.

We are lining our walls with cheene cloth and papering them, this makes them comfortable and will be cheaper than

ceiling them with lumber and best of all can be finished at once. Am very much obliged to you for your suggestions about different things and shall carry them out as fast as possible.

We have our chimney to build yet, most of the doors to hang down stairs, window casings to put on and steps and stairs to finish, besides closets etc. to make. Outside we have the bell tower, and flag pole to raise, house to paint, fence to make, garden to plant, grading to do, woodhouse to build besides the buildings at the cannery to remove etc. etc. Will clear the ground for the other buildings according to your diagram as soon as possible.

March 21, 1883.

Steamer came in yesterday, said she would only stay twenty four hours. Have packed a box for Mrs. McFarland

2 Dozen comforts and blank etc.

2 Dozen sheets.

2 Dozen pillow cases.

Told Mr. Brady what I was doing and he sent a bolt of calico and some towels.

I think we are sympathetic with her.

This enforces the lesson of watchfulness, we have all our empty pork and fish barrels under the eaves, so that most of the time we have quite a supply of water at hand.

Mrs. Austin's eyes are getting better, she received a nice letter from your wife this mail.

Hope to write you from the Sheldon Jackson Institute about the 10th of next month. The steamer goes to Chilcat with material for a large cannery this time, but will not go within thirty miles of Haines by water and so Mr. W. cannot take his freight. Could not hire Capt. Carroll to go there for love or money.

Kindest regards to all.

A. E. Austin.

P. S. The two rolls you mention from Look Haven came safely to hand, also books, papers and pictures you have sent, very many thanks for the same. Also the list of articles enclosed in your letter from Kilbuck Presbyterian.

Will try and write them by next steamer.

Have sent to Wadsworth & Elliot for cheese cloth, saw locks, flooring, balusters for stairs, saw stove etc. have ordered them to send bills to you.

You will see by Walters statement that the money you have sent is nearly used up.

A. E. A.

St. Louis, Mo. March 20, 1883

Mr. A. K. Donaldson,
Manhattan, Kansas.

Dear Mrs. Donaldson: inquiry as to the sending of your box

and find you can make the articles up into four pound packages and send them by mail for two dollars a package. Or you can put them in a barrel and send them by freight. The expense we cannot ascertain, perhaps you can from your freight agent.

Express charges are so heavy at Wrangele we never send that way.

Send your things on as soon as possible they are so needy since the fire destroyed their home.

Yours truly,

Mrs. L. C. Whitaker.

Dayton, N. J.
March 27, 1883.

Rev. Dr. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Both your cards to today received.

The meeting here is to be held on the 5th of April and not the 4th. Will it not be possible for you to speak here on the 5th and reach Penn. in time for your appointment on the 9th.

We shall be much disappointed if you cannot come.
R. D. Thompson.

Santa Fe, N. M.
March 27, 1883.

Dear Dr. Jackson:

Yours of the 15th from Washington was received.

When I go through my property in preparation for transfer I will keep a lookout for things belonging to you. I suppose I will transfer this Office to Don Pedro in two or three weeks.

Catholics conducting Protestant schools will be a sight worth getting up early in the morning to witness. However they will pretend to do it for a time so that they may not lose the Agency as soon.

All well here and the "Perlie" is moving. You must come out to see the show.

Please remember us to Mrs. Jackson.

Very truly yours,

R. M. Thomas.

Buffalo, N. Y.
March 21, 1883.

Rev. Wm. C. Roberts,
New York City.

Yes. By all means give us Sheldon Jackson if you

cannot come yourself.

Please write me positively, that I may rely upon it and make arrangements accordingly. The date is the evening of April 10th.

He would meet ladies soon etc.

Yours truly,

R. S. Green.

March 21, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

New York, N. Y.

Dear Bro:

Again the mail steamer has caught us in Sittka. And it (the steamer) is on its way to Chilkat, how we long to go with her, but we can't.

Captain Merrill says he cannot go to our place this trip, it would take us longer. The time for leaving Port Townsend is to be changed to an earlier date in the month.

The company is to be placed near the Davidson glacier. Our stay has been prolonged owing to the necessity of again beaching the Rose after getting her into the water at first. It was found necessary to haul her. I made arrangements with Willard for her first trip, she will probably take us and our 8 or 10 tons of freight from here by next Tuesday.

There is some talk of putting up a saw mill at Chilkat.

About May we will be visited by miners for the Yukon country.

I have heard that you have had considerable trouble about that boat business. I wish you would tell me about it. I am sure there is no one who appreciates your kindness and work for Alaska more than we. I hope you will have no more trouble concerning the launch.

As our two babies have not been well, Mrs. Willard has been very busy with no one to help. I have been of no use part of the time having had a touch of inflammation of the stomach this month.

Mrs. Willard has moved Miss Matthews to help Mrs. Justine in her sewing and writing and she has done it. Consequently there is but one of the "Sittka letters" that she produced this week and no sketch; for beside nursery, her missionary correspondence is large, you know, and has required much time and labor on her part.

We are all anxiously watching the "Rose" as she approaches completion.

All unite in sending christian love.

Your brother in Christ,
Eugene S. Willard.
Haines, Alaska.

(Note)

Dear Doctor:

I will try to make you the sketch of Jackson Institute before we leave -- in haste, but affectionately. I am as ever
Sincerely,
Carrie E. Willard.

Bryn Mawr, Pa.
March 22, 1903.

Dr. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

My Dear Doctor:

Why did you not tell us the other day at the Assembly room of the burning of the Mr. Farland Home. We were startled on Saturday last, 17th inst., by letter from Mrs. No. Farland herself. I read her letter and made an earnest appeal from the pulpit the next day and today we shipped a box weighing about 400 lbs. and worth over \$100.00 to help supply the pressing needs of the children and the lady missionaries (also a purse of about \$100. for Mrs. No. Farland).

As other churches have done or will do the same I thought best to send you a partial list of things sent that you may know how far their necessities have been met.

More could have been made up, but for need of shipping the box at once.

28 yards calico with trimmings etc. for 2 dresses.
Spairs of stockings, 4 marine undershirts, 4 pairs drawers, 4 pairs muslin drawers, 4 flannel shirts, 18 handkerchiefs, 4 night gowns, 1 cloth belton besides several good second hand dresses, cloth coats, slaters and waterproofs for children.

4 handsome double blankets.	
30 pairs of Boots, excellent quality, assorted sizes.	
8 doz pairs stockings	15 sheets.
30 blue flannel shirts	37 pillow cases
8 knitted jackets.	20 yds. Crash for towels
6 new code jackets.	4 doz. towels.
24 marine undershirts.	30 yards silk.
18 prs. drawers (muslin)	40 yards blue flannel
20 yds. doub. width dressgoods.	15 yds. Canton flannel
15 doz. buttons	4 doz. specks of cotton

12 papers of needles.

and a good deal of second hand material.

Yours very truly,
H. W. Miller.

Don't forget to come to us in June. We shall not

take up our Home Missionary collection till you come.
Was the Home at Wrangle insured?
H. W. H.

Fort Wrangle, Alaska.
March 22, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Brother:

Yours of Feb. 24th was gladly received. Mr. Gould was here when the steamer came and wrote you from here. He of course told you of their affairs and of the sad death of Mr. Perry.

Oh, Doctor I can hardly bear to write of our dear Home. It seems as if the mysterious things that God should permit this to befall a work which he has so signally blessed heretofore. Yet we know that he knows what is best for us and the work.

We were all much rejoiced to hear from Mr. Eaton of the insurance on the building. We did not know it was insured.

You can imagine how we are packed in this house with all our large family, and now our children are all taking the whooping cough. I do not know how we will get along with sickness in this house. Poor little Besse is whooping very hard. Mr. Young has written you I suppose from Portland. He has stirred up the people there very much and several boxes of old clothing that can be made over for the children come up. But very little bedding. Corbett & Mr. Clay sent up a nice little quantity of groceries.

Mr. and Mrs. Fay have sent us a new sewing machine so you see the Lord has not forgotten us. But oh, it is so hard to get along in this way. I have not been well since we came down here and have grown dreadfully nervous. Have constant headaches and sleeplessness. But I suppose it is nothing more than I might expect after our great trouble.

I was not surprised to hear of Mrs. Graham's death. Miss Wheeler had written me of her illness and seemed to have little hope that she would get up again. Her death will make a great change in many respects. We hope that the changes will be for the best interests of the great work in which we were all engaged.

Yes, I well know how much hard work you have done and are doing for Alaska, and in many instances your heart must have been cheered by seeing how wonderfully God has prospered your efforts.

Mr. Eaton wrote us a very kind letter which I was glad to receive. I am anxious to hear from Dr. Kendall. You know of course Mr. Young is on his way West to

the Assembly. Mrs. Young hopes to go too. Will join him in San Francisco if he sends for her to go down next steamer.

Doctor I am very sorry indeed about you publishing Mr. Young's letter in the last "Presbyterian Mission" on account of what he wrote about the Catholics. It was unwise for him to write such a letter when he knew there were so many of the new Catholics. I am sure it would have been better to have kept quiet about it and then he might have gotten clear of the "nuisance". But now this thing has stirred the men up so that they are getting up a petition to the Bishop asking that a live Priest be sent at once.

It may not all amount to anything, I sincerely hope it will not. The men had all been so kind and had done every thing they could for us since the fire. I feel under obligations to them. I will not write more now my write more before the steamer comes, but I am overwhelmed with letters.

Most sincerely yours,
A. R. McFarland.

King Stag, N. Y.
March 22, 1843.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York City, N. Y.
Dear Sheldon:

The annual meeting of our Presbyterian Missionary society meets here the 18th of next month (April).

Could you give us a talk in the afternoon (say a half hour to three quarters) on the Home work.

Do you know of any lady missionary we could secure also for that day. Please let me know at once.

Stuart still away.

With love,

Charlotte J. Gady.

P. S. If you cannot be with us for that day will you ask Dr. Roberts if he could, you probably see him at the rooms, and greatly oblige.

C. J. C.

Boston, Mass.
March 22, 1843.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Bro:

I shall not blame you if you think me dilatory. The fact is, however, that I cannot get Tremont Temple, as it is

used every Sabbath afternoon for a temperance service.

The only other building of equal size would be too costly. I am very sorry, for I wished to have you lecture here this spring for very reasons. As appearances are now however, it does not seem that you can do so, unless it be in a church or small hall. This I should not advise.

I will make an effort, unless you countermand it to secure you the temple in October, the month of all others that is here most favorable for lecturers.

Presbytery will decide next month whether I am to leave here or not. I cannot bear the thought of my going though it seems to be my duty.

With kind regards to Mrs. Jackson.

Yours faithfully,

W. Boston Greene, Jr.

Montclair, N. J.

March 24, 1883.

Rev. S. Hall Young,

care Wm. Wallace,

Portland, Oregon.

The Board declines to help pay Mrs. Young's traveling expenses.

Sheldon Jackson.

Wight despatch.

Manhattan, Kansas.

March 26, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson?

New York City.

Dear Friend:

The ladies who are interested in the Mission work of our little church are anxious for something to do for Mrs. Co. Farland's school at Ft. Wrangel and have prepared a box -- principally bed clothing, but do not know how to send it.

The President of the Society, Mrs. Donaldson, wrote to the Board of Home Missions in St. Louis and received the enclosed reply. We now fear that charges on the box will be more than the value, unless sent through some organized agency.

Can you tell what is best to do? If it would be wisest to send the articles somewhere else and assist the school at Fort Wrangle some other way, do not hesitate to say so.

We were truly sorry to hear of the great loss that had befallen the school and sincerely hope that God may put it into the hearts of His people to come to its aid.

With best wishes for you and yours,
I am sincerely your friend,
Mrs. J. A. Anderson.

Spring, V. I.
March 25, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

A dispatch to Rev. Mr. Hill from your sick bed in New Jersey was placed in my hands by Mr. Williams yesterday at church.

Mr. Hill no longer lives at Spring. I, John S. Bacon am his successor. But allow me to assure you that the house door is as wide open to you, under the present administration, as it could have been under the past.

We would be delighted to see you in Spring at any time, convenient to your self. But if you could be here on a Sunday you would make our hearts hop for joy (or words to that effect). Were you booked for Bath next Friday?

Can't we catch you on the fly and get an address out of you somehow?

Yours truly,
J. S. Bacon.

Pin Agency, Arizona.
(Extract from a letter of Rev. C. H. Cook missionary at the Pin Agency, Arizona -- dated March 26, 1883.)
"As to the progress of my work I find many discouragements but also many encouragements.

Twice and at times three times a week I give regular instruction to the school children, old and new Testament history, Christ's life, Miracles and Parables and catechism. We have English and Indian preaching at the Agency every Sunday afternoon, these meetings are growing in number and interest, most of the Indians in this vicinity attend regular and keep the Sabbath. We expect to commence building a church here during April.

Antonio, Antonito, Summerville and others are regular attendants. I preach regularly at Blackwater where I have quite an audience and where we also hope to build this year. I also preach at the other villages hereabouts.

At times I feel discouraged about the slowness of the work and its many difficulties, then again when I see a large number of anxious hearers or frequently people come a distance to hear preaching I take fresh courage."

Philadelphia, Pa.
March 25, 1883.

Mr. Miller;
Dear Sir:

Enclosed find five dollars which you will do the writer a kindness to send it where it will be used to aid in the erection of that school in Alaska of which Mr. Jackson spoke the need as earnestly. I am impatient there to send it or could send it direct.

Yours respectfully,

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Philadelphia, Pa.
March 26, 1883.

My dear Dr. Jackson:

I called at your office when in New York last Friday Mrs. Morris having forwarded your card to me and was disappointed at not seeing you for a conference about the Apaches and our meeting.

I am not yet recovered from an illness and doubt if best to try for our meeting just yet. We must make it toll for our work in Missions and I think we had best have it at the end of April or first of May (if I do not go South) and with that date we can get up a fine large meeting in Association Hall I think as we did last time.

Could you come the last week of April or first week of May on a Tuesday or Thursday evening or Monday.

If so I will then see if we can get the Hall and the singers etc.

It is difficult to arrange the date to suit all things but this plan will be better than to have a church meeting as we at first thought to do, I am sure.

Two hundred singers help to draw even some who should need only the subject to bring them.

Hoping soon to hear.

Yours very truly,

A. N. Quinlan.

P. S. Ours is the "National Indian Association" The "Indian Rights Association" is the gentlemen. But we are in true fellowship.

Hairstown, N. J.
March 26, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.
Dear Sir:

Doubtless your desire to serve us at Newton has led

you to study the route and connections, but excuse me if I ask a question.

Did you think of being able to take the train to New York which brings you there about ten A. M. It is due at Jersey City 9.31. Perhaps you could not then reach Penn Yan in time.

We shall be sorry not to have you present the cause for this meeting, but if you cannot will hope for another opportunity for you.

You need not trouble yourself to answer this, I only wished to make the suggestion.

If you find it possible please let Miss Thompson know.

Yours truly,
Mrs. M. A. Sawyer.

Brooklyn, N. Y.
March 31, 1893.

My dear Doctor:

Yours with reference to the contribution for the Papajoe came duly to hand and I sent the sum promised to Mrs. Wood yesterday.

Yours faithfully,
J. V. Cochran.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Brooklyn, N. Y.
April 1, 1893.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Montclair, N. J.

Dear Sir:

All right I will appoint meeting of our Ladies, Friday P. M. at 3 o'clock and a popular meeting at 7.30 in the evening Friday April 6th.

You are cordially invited to make our house your home. Please inform me when you will arrive and I will meet you at train.

Yours truly,
J. A. Brown.

Baltimore, Md.
April 2, 1893.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Sir:

I wrote you 17th June last. I wish you would write me all you know about the progress of the boys school at

Sitka, Alaska. Has the school house been built or occupied. How many boys are now in the school. Give me all the prominent facts you have as I wish to use them here for the good of the boys there.

It was with great regret that I learned of the loss of Mrs. McFarland's school at Fort Wrangel, we have some facts here in relation to her loss by the fire.

Give me all the facts you can in relation to the disaster up to the present time. Please write me at once that I may have your letter not later than Saturday morning next 7th inst., as I wish to have two of our Churches and a sabbath school at work to help at once repair Mrs. McFarland's school loss.

Had you any insurance on the school buildings, furniture, books etc. etc. and if so how much.

Is our Domestic Missionary Society going to rebuild at once the school house etc for the girls, let me know.

Very truly your friend,
Henry D. Harvey.

Post Office Department.
Washington, D. C.
April 2, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 29th ulto. you are informed that no bids have been received from Alaska for the service from Fort Wrangle to Jackson and only one from Washington and that from C. C. Huntly amount not yet known. May we not expect that some bids will be sent in?

There will be no objection to your postponing the execution of contract for route No. 47101, until after award has been made for the other route.

Very respectfully,
H. D. Lyman,
Acting Second Assistant P. M. General.

April 2nd 1883.

Women's Home Missionary Com.,
New York City, N. Y.

Will you as early as possible send me some particulars of the fire at Mrs. McFarland's School so that I can make it a foot note on the subject in my book on Alaska.

We want to get that House rebuilt, a terrible loss. It seems strange that with so many inmates nothing was saved.

Very truly,
Julia McHair Wright.

Philadelphia, Pa.
April 3, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

I think we shall be able to have all the things we desire. Y. N. C. A. Hall, 100 dinners, etc., for Tuesday evening May 1st. I will write as soon as everything is settled. Be please hold that evening for us. We were to meet railway fare and provide entertainment I believe. Not a fee were we? Alas, I wish we could and a large one to the life long helper of the Indians.

A. L. Quinton.

Buffalo, N. Y.
April 3, 1883.

O. D. Eaton, Esq.,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

Your secretaries are evidently too busy to answer my letter so I write you. May we expect Sheldon Jackson here on the evening of the 10th inst. to address public meeting etc? Will he be able to be here during that day. The latter question is in the interest of the Ladies Presbyterian Society which meets at same time with Presbyterians.

Yours truly,
Nathan E. Green.

New York, N. Y.
April 4, 1883.

Dr. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Sir:

New Jersey was, as you know, the first Synod to appoint women as Synodical Committee of Home Missions. This must have been in 1878 tho' it does not seem so far back, but I cannot make it out otherwise.

I think the lists sent are correct but would not certify them.

The consolidation of Synods makes the number appear less, but there are more Presbyterians included now than ever before, as was in Synod of New York.

I send the book of minutes from before reorganization of Executive Committee in 1878.

The union of Home Department of Women Board of Missions of Northwest was followed by same action in that of Brooklyn or Long Island, and this by the greater change in Synod of New York.

All the Synods have Committees in connection with Executive Committee except Iowa, Kentucky, Nebraska and

Atlantic. From Iowa and Nebraska money from the Societies thus came to Mrs. Boyd and smaller sums from Kentucky and Atlantic.

Word has come from Kentucky that after this the women expect to work with us. Do not fail to say how Editor of "Rocky Mountain Presbyterian" first gave us room in that paper.

I have just counted 48 different leaflets and circulars printed besides a number sent by more private process (edition by a copyright).

Probably over 50 have been printed.

I do not much like "marching the people" etc. for we have just gone on in such weakness following as God has opened the way -- "living in favor" is unexpected sign.

The fact that women's work in some Missions is recognized as a part of regular church work is the point of importance.

You remember that Synodical Committees were appointed before the Executive Committee was organized.

W. H. H. Kaines.

Jackson, Alaska?
April 4, 1893.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.
Dear Sir:

Being at Wrangell I received yours of Feb. 24th, March 19th and thought to answer from Wrangell but a combination of circumstances prevented. I will begin now and leave open till I know if April storm comes inland, should it not would it not be well to go far as material on hand will permit with our shake house, then get lumber from Klaskan to complete it and save part of a room for school and church to answer until we can build permanent school house or to go on with our permanent dwelling house, fitting a part of it for church and school until we can build a school house. There are many reasons why it is not better to continue in Shulka's house, some aside from its entire unfitness for school purposes. I think the plan of settling a part of our dwelling the best and have planned as it can be done, also that our grounds may be ample and attractive in time and with work, so if you come here five years hence you may not be ashamed of Jackson.

Shulka is still attentive and ready to help I think sincerely desires to live a Christian life. He has been much disappointed in the mission as he misinterpreted promise and looked for impossible things as wealth, power and glory to himself above all others, his wife more than he speaks of what they have done etc.

I notify as best I can and keep from much personal obligation, think they are learning that is reasonable to expect.

Two Sabbath's I stopped over at Klavick after the affair of last September, they the Havigs have been trying to suppress Kachinoo and promise to quit its manufacture and use, and at a grand feast at their sister town participated in by Kachin and rather wild tribes from above, speeches and promises were exchanged on the "temperance" question. So we might say it was a temperance convention at Tashin. They say, look at the Ryda's since they quit drink.

It is a wonderful change from the continued dissipation formerly carried on by these people and we had services and a well filled house and interpreter for Ryda's one for the Havigs, then a Tashin man gave a talk in Chinook so we had four tongues.

The tribes who have not parted with their women there are beginning to listen and would welcome teachers. I received much better treatment at K. from white men and natives than formerly. Business was suspended as natives allowed in the store on Sunday, will only work when they deem it a necessity.

I sent a little item of expenses. Mr. S. paid \$15. a thousand for Shakes. I contributed first for \$10. K. as they were not good as contract at last \$5. K. cut down to \$40 for the lot after.

The item for labor is for getting timber and clearing and leveling ground. I have done some of that with my own hands than I've hired and paid as per contract. The axes, hammers, saw and stone were compelled to have, they are good and be useful, I put by itself. I paid all in tickets which I got for 10 per cent discount on each, don't know if I can continue to get it as Klavick manager refuses to make any difference between cash and tickets.

I had shaver and poles ready sometime since, some work is being done since receipt of March mill, it goes slowly. I have not thought it well to spend money on Indians to any considerable extent when we have other labor already paid for.

A large mill will be soon cutting timber at Klavick if we should get some from below we can get all we want from there delivered here at a figure much below Portland or Puget Sound.

The engineers and millwrights wanted to see down and set up your mill, but I informed them of the situation.

Mr. Young thought I should go to Wrangle in March with a view to going to Sitka to organize prospectors of Alaska. It was also an important mill for us in view, bid for carrying mail and for other reasons I concluded to go though I had not the consent of either of institutions or judgment. I will not worry you with the details of a March

canoe trip, the pain of missing the Home nor the anxiety to go back and relieve the sorrows of my family which was greatly increased with the loss of Mr. Parry and other white men and one Indian, the same day we left home and on the same water we had to cross. His boat was equipped with four men and one Indian sweeping. The excitement at our town was great, the people flocked to our house in terror believing Wiggin's storm had come and all would be lost. A chief (thief) came from another town and demanded blankets for the Indians lost. They laid on their arms a night, had a noisy war of words for a day, then quieted by counseling with his friends, the storm too was thought to be in peril and was a great relief to Mrs. G. but she had her way.

The people were kind to her, Chief Skilla stopped home till my return and saw the family every day. March was a trying month to my family.

I tested my wife's adventurousness as the scales today to find she has lost it. We are all very well now and quiet is restored at least for the time being. We all miss Mr. Parry very much. The people all speak of him as if he were one of themselves. It is distressing news to send to his family. He had labored so hard to get ready to enter his wife and child comfortable here.

I wrote immediately to Harrisburg and a man came promptly to take charge. I cannot tell if the company will continue the post. It is an important question to us in many respects. Of course that company's old prospects in that direction, if my shake house is a success some of our people will try to imitate it this fall.

If we could have some entertainers, song books, testaments, and primary school books they would be very useful, though we are not giving bibles into families there there is no one who can read.

Most of our people who have professed the desire to live as white people do, encourage us by attention and seem to be making some improvement though they must wonder about so much they have as much time to forget as to learn.

Many songs go up from houses and many prayer meetings are held about their camp fires, these are hopeful signs.

With very thanks and prayers from us all.

I subscribe myself yours in the gospel,

J. Louis Gould.

P. S. I went to San Francisco and got a bill of medicine which is doing excellent service but are rapidly disappearing.

The utter ignorance of these people as to proper care for the sick, the treatment of wounds, fractures and diseases and their constant exposure greatly increases their suffering and fatality and our cares, they are constantly in need of protection, medicine and different food.

You may know some one who would like to aid in

ministering to the wants of these people who desire to know how to cure for themselves.

J. L. G.

Covington, Pa.

April 4, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

If I burden you with a duty that I know does not belong to you, it is because I desire to make sure of what it seems to me, will be an advanced point in the interest of our W. H. M. work.

That point is the publication in whole or in part of Mrs. West's excellent report of Carlisle Presidency.

Remembering the barrenness of resources, the lack of knowledge concerning "ways and means" in missionary work, the almost infantile ignorance of the needs of the Woman's work as developed through my Synodical correspondence I believe that to many societies such a report as this would operate not only as a stimulus, but also as a source of much practical instruction.

Oh, I am very sorry to say if, Dr. Jackson, but we women are so thick headed. (Don't speak of the secret) and a good many of us need "line upon line, line upon line, here a little there a little" day by day to keep the path of service clear.

Now will you send the enclosed report and cause it to appear in the May number of the P. H. M. so much of it as in your judgment may approve for that purpose?

Even should Dr. Jackson think it best that nothing appear. I shall submit without a whisper so, but like Galileo, I shall keep saying under my breath "it should move all the same".

I enclose a letter which I think will strike you as peculiarly, as it has me, the spirit of which you may find it useful to meet in some future writing or speech.

Dear Soul, he does not seem to realize that bankruptcy in the Home Treasury means death to the foreign. Evidently the dear man fears for his ecclesiastical laurels, but I am sure not one of the sisterhood would pluck a leaf from the crown of church authority. Although if our honored General Assembly should crown us with an additional investiture of service, whether "Board of Relief" "Freedom's Board" or what not, I verily believe we should accept the trust, not gracelessly. As some in time past hath done.

Of course you know that Dr. Baird has been quite ill since his return. I have not heard whether he has recovered.

With kind regards, Very sincerely yours,

P. A. Dyer.

Buffalo, N. Y.
April 4, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Jackson:

I am informed by Rev. Rufus S. Green, at whose church the Buffalo Presbytery convenes on the 9th of this month, that he expects you will be present at the popular meeting, to be held on the evening of the 10th (Wednesday).

As the annual meeting of the Western Methodist Society of the Presbytery of Buffalo is held on that day I write to invite you to make us an address some time in the afternoon of Tuesday at the North Presbyterian Church Chapel.

We shall have other speakers, meeting at P. M. convenes at 3 o'clock.

Should like to hear you speak at 3.30 or 3.45. or 4 o'clock. Our work as a society has been largely in Utah and now in Alaska, particularly among the Indian Indians.

Should hope to hear you on these points as well as the most prominent needs of the work in its full and encouraging recent developments.

We need instruction.

Hoping your engagements will admit of your giving us the time (for which we shall be very grateful) and especially an early reply. I am

Truly yours,

Mrs. Henry Childs.

Pres. Buffalo Pres. Ch. Society.

Philadelphia, Pa.
April 5, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Jackson:

Thanks for your card. I was asked to write and ask you about the Papago Building money.

We have some hundreds of dollars in hand and some of the ladies think it would be better to keep it till we have all. Others thought if what money we have in hand be sent you could be going on with the building in the summer and then as the promised money comes in you could have it.

Will you write us as soon as possible what you think best for us to do. And if not troubling you too much, could you pick us out a missionary family with little girls in it. We have a meeting early next week and I would like to have your answer before that time.

Kind regards. Believe me

Yours very truly,

Sophia Mae. Intosh.

Altosona, Pa.
April 9, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Brother:

It is an old saying that "too many cooks spoil the broth". I hope Bro. Russell and myself by depending upon one another hav'nt spoiled our anticipated feast for next Sabbath.

At any rate you are announced for next Sabbath in First church in morning and 2nd church in evening. If you can reach here in time and feel that it would not be asking too much, we would like to hear you address a joint meeting of Societies. Saturday P. M. or evening service. I will not make any arrangements for a Saturday meeting unless I hear from you.

We are anticipating a very pleasant and profitable time and sincerely hope that nothing may occur to hinder your coming.

Stop at Logan house until otherwise provided for.

Yours fraternally,
W. M. Cornelius.

Fort Wrangle, Alaska.
April, 9, 1883.

My dear Mrs. Jackson:

I was much pleased to receive yours of Jan. 18th. It came in the midst of our overwhelming trouble. Even yet as I write I can scarcely realize that our dear Home is indeed in ashes. The whole thing seems such a mystery. of course our missionaries lost much, but I mourn much more for the loss of the Board and for the supplies we had on hand for the children. We all rejoiced to learn by Mr. Eaton's letter of the insurance. We did not know that there was any insurance.

I sincerely hope there will be no flaw in it in any way.

Mr Young sent up quite a collection of second hand clothing from Portland which is proving a great blessing to us in our destitution. We have been very busy indeed since last steamer, making over and ransoming them for the children. It is very hard to get along in this house, we are so dreadfully crowded and no conveniences at all. You remember how it was when you were here, of course it is much worse now for our family is so much larger. Yet we are thankful we had this building to go to so our work did not even have to be suspended. The children have the whooping cough now which does not add to our comfort in the

least. Poor little Bessie is coughing and whooping dreadfully. Mrs. McFarland and her husband are occupying the room you and Dr. Jackson had when you were here and Miss Rankin has the one next to it that Dr. and Mrs. Randall had. I have my same old room.

But the rooms feel very bare and uncomfortable, not a carpet in the house. I feel so sorry about losing my photographs. I had a large collection, many of them of dear friends that can never be replaced.

I will be very glad to get photographs of your family again if you will spare them to me. I regretted exceedingly that Dr. Jackson's large picture was not gotten out. But the building went so quickly that there was very little saved.

Do you think I could coax him to send us another?

I was glad you were pleased with the little skins I send you. I think the Ottermens you speak of would be very handsome. Do you know what it costs to have them made up?

Much love to yourself and the girls.

Very truly your friend,

A. H. McFarland.

Suni, N. H.

April 12, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

My dear friend:

I enclose the resignation of Miss Abbie Willetts, assistant teacher. She has really been unfit to teach all winter and the burden of assistance has fallen on Mrs. Willson. We had hoped that with the return of spring her voice would come back, but instead there was added a kind of intermittent fever, possibly hay fever.

For a month before she left she was not able to do anything. There being no physician here or near and fearing she would get down beyond recovery we all thought it prudent for her to return to Iowa where she could receive the attention of a physician. She has gone.

Her resignation is made in good faith and should be accepted.

It is for the Board to decide when her time shall cease and whether deduction should be made from her salary on account of travelling expenses which have been paid by the Board. Full fare for another from Iowa would cost some \$60. or \$70. However it would take so much time to arrange for another to come and the summer vacation is so near that Mrs. Willson and I think that, perhaps, it will be well for us to make the best of it until vacation, and let the new arrangement take place at the beginning of the school year.

At present about one half of our school is away from the pueblo engaged in farming operations.

A month ago our regular attendance was over sixty, now about thirty, and our school moves along much more satisfactory to us.

According to their custom most of the absent ones will return to the pueblo in a few weeks and the school is likely to increase again. Mr. Gusting congratulates us upon being quite popular with the Indians and he is quite friendly with us.

We have not felt satisfied with our work but perhaps we are preparing the way for more effective service in future, if it be the Lord's will and the Board's that we should continue here.

We have had no communication as yet with the new Agent. If he is a Catholic as you say, and is set to remove us it will be difficult to withstand, but we shall endeavor to be faithful to the Board and the church and the Master, and not surrender the post without good cause.

Our health has not been so good here in Nevada but we hope when we become acclimated that it may be even better. We are going to make personal expense and pressing on others for maintenance to make this a more pleasant home for those who shall occupy it two or three years hence.

Yours in the Master's service,
James H. Allison.

Philadelphia, Pa.
April 13, 1880.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

All is planned and we hope to give you a full house at Association Hall 10th and Chestnut streets May 1st at 8 P. M.

Will announce your subject as "The Indians of Arizona and our duty to them" if you do not object but hope you will speak most of the Apaches and help us to set up our first mission among them. Will write later of your place as guest.

Please reply to let us have you see this and am coming surely.

Very truly,
A. S. Quinton.

Philadelphia, Pa.
April 13, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

It gives me great pleasure to say that from nine hundred to one thousand dollars have been pledged for the school house for the Pagan Indians in Arizona, something over three hundred of it having been forwarded to the Board today. We are fully determined to raise it all if prayer and working will do it. At our meetings yesterday I was desired to write and ask you whether you think the plans for building can be got up and the work commenced soon.. We are so very anxious it shall be begun as soon as possible. Will you kindly let us know what the prospects are and who is to attend to plans etc. for us, and let us hear before the 20th of this month as we have another meeting at that time. Is it necessary that all the money be sent to New York before the work is begun I fancy not, if we are only sure of getting it.

Another meeting I hope will determine this. Some of the churches have not promised definite amounts as we hoped they would at this time. Your visit gave not only great pleasure but great impetus to the work.

With great respect I am

Very truly yours,

Elizabeth H. McCune.

Altos, Pa.
April 14, 1883.

(Telegram)

Rev. Sheldon Jackson.

You are to speak tonight at a Women's meeting.

J. L. Russell.

North Platte, Nebraska.
April 15, 1883.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Home today from Presbytery. Enjoyed myself very much. Many regrets were expressed by the brethren because I would not remain in the Presbytery. The people in North Platte are doing all they can to have me remain but I will not. I am convinced that God has a work for me in Alaska.

I have believed this for a long while, the trouble has been Mrs. Darley did not feel it her duty to go, now thank God she is perfectly willing.

Mrs. Darley has been very sick but is gaining strength very fast. She lost a little boy, the Doctor said it had been dead for a month. It has grieved us both, but God in this case as in every before this has brought light out of darkness.

I received your letters of the 1st and 12th. I sent a telegram to you today to New York stating that Mrs. Darley was now willing to go to Alaska, we will trust our family trusting to God that they will be reunited.

I will meet you at Nome City April 30th.

I have made out an still making this matter, a matter of prayer and of heart searching. I know that it is in God's hands and all will be well.

Will leave North Platte, God willing, either on the 19th or 20th of April for Nome City.

Mrs. Darley sends kind regards, remember me to your family.

Your Brother in Christ,

Geo. A. Darley.

Jackson, Alaska,
April 15, 1898.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York City..

Dear Brother:

Your short but good letter is received. Also a part of our lumber, the balance is to come the next steamer which will be here in about ten days.

We now have up a building 25 x 25 ft high with wing 10 feet wide in the rear which is roofed and the sides boarded, and which gives us a place to file our lumber. I think with the material now on hand we can make it comfortable until you get up the new mill. I wish that I had full control of the situation I think that I would like to see the situation although the Indians and white men also would like to see the Indians at Kasaan.

I am not subject to your orders. I don't think that he is much of a dog who will suffer his bone being taken away without showing his teeth and so you must not blame me if I am growling a little.

I have just received two splendid suits of red flannel underwear from Mrs. C. L. Bailey of Harrisburg, Pa. Please accept my thanks for they are just what I need. We also our friend Mr. Rudy, also his crew.

The Indians have behaved awfully all through our

trouble.

Your christian worker,
J. K. Chapman.

A society of Friends, N. Y. report they have sent us through the Board of C. for our school and would send more in March. I want that be sent to Mr. Roberts, San Francisco or Mr. Adams, Portland and allow us to order from them some of the things necessary to the school room, as things are going it design it for that purpose and certainly have a right to direct its use and we don't want our pupils need.

I did not get to my bills

for 100 I spent for school.
for 100 I spent for medicine.

which is all the money contributed for such purposes as the school and the school is most contribute, as we feel about our property.
J. K. C.

Haines, Alaska.
April 16, 1892.

Rev. Sheldon J. Chapin.

New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

We are at our new home having arrived here on the 10th of April.

We found everything as we left them. We have enough to keep us on the way comfortably. I hope to get up to the upper village by the last of this or first of next week. I am afraid Louis has been overstepping in the building of his house though I cannot tell until I see it and his accounts. I will try and get you a picture of it as soon as possible, that you may see it.

I intend getting a photograph outfit as soon as I can afford it. I think I can sell pictures to natives at home to pay for it.

We are not like to eat for one through Mrs. Haines. I have asked her for an American compass which I need much more. We have started the school. Miss Matthews went to work this morning. Last week having been taken up in fixing the building, making seats and putting in the organ. I hired a carpenter at \$2.00 a day for that work also for making furniture, and a fixer for the school house.

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I am going to ask the Board for money to have the work done together with ditching and fixing the drainage (300.00) I suppose if they don't make the appropriation I will foot the bill myself for I am working at it now with the help of the carpenter, the work must be done. I can use up land for almost anything though the fingers are stiff.

Carpenter work goes slower when it is used too.

The steamer is in. I will go across the trail as fast as possible to catch her.

Mrs. Willard and Miss Williams send regards.

Travelling

Regina S. Willard.

Winnipeg, N. B.
April 17, 1917.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York City.

Dear Brother:

Your letter with Mr. Dault's enclosed came duly to hand and were perused with much interest.

But I was surprised that Mr. Boyd did not inform you that the Board had done. I went over to the room, 15 Centre Street, about three weeks ago to meet Mr. Hill and arrange about giving the land for Fort Dault. That completed I had a long talk with him in our room about the work in Alaska and particularly about the post office. I felt that the Board was in bad unfavorably upon the project, and that if we sold the mill to the S. T. Co. while it might be better than having no mill in the country, the Indians would not receive the benefit from it that we desired them to derive from it.

While I appreciated the assistance in the way of the Board handling such affairs as were connected on the other side without knowledge of the work and its need, no money would find its way into the treasury, and that when the hearts of the people were moved by a sense of the needs of different parts of the field it seemed to me a pretty clear indication that the Board would have that work undertaken.

It will take too much time to write all that we said. And another what followed had any connection with that conversation or not I do not know. I had given him Mr. McLeod's address and he went to see him and made an appointment with him to meet Mr. Roberts, Mr. Boyd, Mr. Nelson and Mr. Hill at the room, and a few days before he left told me that they had concluded to put the mill up and had arranged with Mr. McLeod to do the work. He was to follow and meet Mr. Hill in Oregon and leave with him in the

any steamer for Alaska.

I asked him what Dr. Roberts thought of the plan and he said he was willing to try the experiment, but was afraid it would be a costly one and that the lumber for the buildings at the three stations, Jackson Pt., Pringle and Chilcat would cost them more than to buy it as they have previously done.

Of course they will have to provide some means of transportation for the lumber. I think as they felt that as the oil was on the ground it was worth while to make use of it. I supposed of course they would tell you when you came home so it had been done. It will not matter to us if you will prove a success who has the credit of starting the project, as we will give God the glory and from Him only will come the reward.

As Miss Dodge says "Now we must keep it going by prayer, even as it is a burden and for Mr. Lord too, he needs it" and as Miss Dodge says "I am going to pray for you another, that we may soon with us only our own throats and also being God's glory".

Now Mr. Purdy I hope as we Jesus as his Saviour and permitted his soul to be kept, even if it was his last conscious moment.

I had asked God to bring him to a knowledge of himself that he might be consecrated to his service here below. "His thoughts are not your thoughts".

Yours in christian fellowship,

Cecilia F. Bell.

Sitka, Alaska.

April 14, 1883.

Rev. Stephen Jackson,

New York City.

Dear Dr. Jackson:

We expected the steamer to be here on the 10th but we have not seen her appearance yet, so I will begin my letter to you tonight. Dr. Willard and family left for Chilcat Thursday morning April 5th on the steamer Hope, and reached Chilcat on Sunday the 6th and landed their freight the next morning safely.

Miss Matthews wrote us that they had a very pleasant trip. Our boys moved their freight over nine tons to the ship using the old way again for the purpose.

Their return was in line to go with them.

Dr. Whitford reports that nothing had been disturbed by the Indians.

Since I last wrote you we have painted the roof of the

house and built two more chimneys. We expected to get along with four but we had to run three pipes into one of them which made it make so much that it became necessary to build another one. We have finished grading between the house to the public road and have sown the grass seed on the lawn in front of the house. Mr. Styles painted the roof and the back side of the house. Archie, Hetholgh, Jim and Peter Church assisting him.

We have lined and prepared four of the rooms upstairs and four downstairs. Have moved part of our furniture and if it stops raining and the steamer stops away a few days longer we will soon get things in order. Have ordered two thousand feet of pickets from Hiltner's to fence the grounds, at \$25. per thousand. The Indians are putting up a number of large buildings and are indicating the time in regard to windows, doors etc. They have several large rafters of logs at the mill and it will take a month or two to saw them and so they talk of starting a sawmill here. I thought it best to get the pickets at once.

Mr. Hiltner has promised to use all the logs as we are able to get for \$12. per M. He is to furnish a man to help him make a saw. This will save it about \$12. Capt. Harrison talks of making a cruise to the different villages after the steamer arrives and has promised to do all he can to bring some boys from the different tribes. Do not think he is very much interested in our work, but will say yes very strongly before leaving to bring us some. I will enclose a picture of Daisy Jackson and her mother to you and will send another also one of George to Mr. Moore of Eastport.

The girl is very bright and the mother gave her to me until she should be old enough to get married and her son who is a very nice boy about ten years of age. In taking down the partitions I put up in the Garbhouse and will use the lumber on the floor.

Is it possible to get the Government to issue instructions to Commissioners at this station to compel children (Indians) to attend school? It needs only a word from the Captain.

If we are to have a change of policy with every new Commissioner it will be a great detriment to our work and to the Indians as well. This constant change of policy on the part of our Government with the Indians causes much of our Indian work and thus it is difficult to fight them and nothing to advance them.

April 25th, 1888.

The steamer Mabe was in yesterday having been to all the northern ports taking in Sitka on her return. She

sails this P. M. staying only twenty four hours. Mary thanks to Miss Emily Jackson for her generous donation to be used for medicine. It was very kind to remember them. We ought to have a hospital for them, many lives might be saved and such suffering alleviated. I will send you Mr. Brady's bill for painting account on which we owe a balance of \$84.05. a bill from Andrews & Elliott. We shall have a bill for one thousand feet of flooring to find in the room between the canal and dining room. I could not get it on the steamer this time and a few small bills for cotton lining etc. with the exception of the pickets, then I trust will finish the expenditures on the home.

We need the running gear of a good strong one horse express wagon to receive our goods from the wharf and to draw gravel etc. on the farm.

We can make the box, tongue etc. The wheels could be tied together to save freight, no springs wanted, we ought to have a mat so that we can catch our hen & lamb. Think we might sell enough to pay for it in a short time. Captain Fox has hired the store house by Col. Sullivan from the Government and will fit it up for a cunnery. I send you some pictures have not time to send them, also an extract from the Oregonian.

Probably my turn will come next. All unite sending kind regards to you and yours, everest hearts.

Sincerely yours,

A. K. Austin.

Fort Grease, Alaska.
April 10, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother:

I was very glad indeed to get your kind letter of March 15th. But was surprised at some things it contained. The regular steamer came in Sabbath evening stayed a few hours and left for the North, not expecting to come in here on her way down, so we could only get the letters off that we had already written.

But there will be another boat in a few days. Then we will have another opportunity for sending letters. Of course our letters have been received long ere this but I was not able to write much for last month's mail because of a continued nervous headache which quite prostrated me. I am better but not free from it. I received many letters this mail sympathizing with us and promising help. I trust

the boxes you speak of will reach as soon. We have received nothing except a small box of clothing from Portland. Corbett & McCleary sent us a nice little donation of groceries, we are much in need of nothing. Of course we are in need of everything. But some things we can wait for better than I want.

We lost our student lamps and everything of that kind. A few of the student lamps in the school were saved. Mrs. Shinn wrote me that the trustees were being debated whether it would be best to try and secure these parison buildings and put them in repair or to build another house. I do trust the first will not be entertained for a moment. From the fact that these buildings are all old and dreadfully out of repair would cost a great deal of money to repair and fix them up and when it would be done they are altogether unsuitable for our purpose.

It will be splendid if we can get them free of rent for the time we will necessarily have to remain in them. I hope you will be able to bring that about although it will bring down Mr. Lewis's curses on our heads. Now about the other confidential part of your letter, I don't see how it can be brought about. I fear the matter has been let stand as long and Mrs. Young has been allowed to get the wind of a story. She has created a great deal of interest and has received help from very quarters and now she goes East with the sole intention of furthering our plans. She expects to come home with sufficient money to put up a large building with all the appliances for carrying on the boys' house on a grand scale.

I don't believe she will give it up even if the board should establish a boys' house here. Oh dear I cannot believe for a moment that Mr. Young has acted dishonestly in this matter of Stephens bill. There must be some mistake about it. Mr. Young always told me there was a balance on the Stephens account that the board had not paid. But had withdrawn from time to time. He never you told me in your last letter the amount of the Stephens bill. I am quite surprised to see my letter to the trustees looking now out in the paper. I had no thought of it being published, would much rather had my Christmas letter come out.

But it is no different. Mrs. Young told Miss Rankin that you never published my letters because they were so exceedingly warm.

These things don't hurt us coming from her and of course I do not believe for a moment that you ever made such a statement. All these things are strictly confidential.

I will not mention the matters you wrote to me about until I have heard further from you. It is the

common talk among the men outside that Mr. and Mrs. Young will never come back to Wrangell. I would not have anything mentioned that I write you for the world. I sent Mrs. Jackson a long letter last boat.

Very sincerely yours,
A. R. McFarland.

April 16, 1883.

Is it our Mr. Roberts from Tona, N. M. who has taken charge of a Spanish church in California?

A. R. McFarland.

Jackson, Alaska.
April 20, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Bro:

The schooner came in on the 17th inst., brought part of the lumber which we succeeded though quite a storm was raging, in shoring. The freight is nearly equal to what Spryke or Arner would charge us to deliver, much of it is by no means good, neither in best shape for our plans yet we are thankful to do as we can with any..

The "shoe" and a bill of medicines also came, thanks to the ladies and you.. I have been informed that you have been awarded the contract for carrying the mails on our new route for one year from July 1883. Will, if I can, let you know by next steamer what we can do to help you. The man who wrote the first proposition is now at Klaskan and I may not have an opportunity to see or hear from him immediately..

April 23, 1883.

I see a steamer coming up the strait. May not have time to write more.. Will risk saying we can get the mail carried once a month from Wrangell during the year beginning July 1883 for \$500.00, we did some work on our house last week..

J. Louis Gould.

Harrisburg, Pa.
April 12, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Friend:

I have been expecting to see you in New York, but

could not. I would like to know all about this "Willard Home". I wrote you some time that I sent on the money collected which was \$1,000. I wrote as plain as possible to Mrs. Byrd, but I would like to hear from you what has been done. I also wrote Mr. Willard just as you said I should and I hope all is working on satisfactorily.

I hear often complaint of money sent for special objects not being used as designated, and the feeling with many is to send on their money direct and not through the Board. Which I think not right for too much may go in some directions.

I will be glad to hear from you and please tell me all you know about the same etc.

Hoping you and yours are well I am yours truly with kind regards to Mr. Roberts.

E. A. Bailey.

Portland, Oregon,
April 20, 1903.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find bill of Lumberport Nov. 1.
Louis Gould, + + + + + \$107.25
Bill of supplies + + + + + \$120.00 - total
\$227.25

I was in a week of trouble when I found that after the (date and name) she had taken only a small part of the lumber for Gould.

Since was full and more so, leaving a large lot freight for different points as the ship went a few days later the ship was full and all the lumber left. I hope both shipments will reach their destination safely.

Lumber has advanced very much since you were here. I got it as cheap as I could.

The money sent as for medicine and alcohol was out of tools, credited directly to private account of Bro. Gould and charged his private account with things sent him. Medicine will over some money sent specially for that, but the rest of the supplies are less than money sent. I ought to have thought to get some iron but did not.

Respectfully yours,
William F. Brown.

Sitka, Alaska.
April 20, 1903.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson
Yours of March 1903 containing check for \$20. arrived

yesterday. I have just put up a pair bracelets \$3., and \$1.00 and basket \$1.75 for Rev. J. S. Banks. I shall make the collection of bracelets for Princeton as complete as possible. Dr. A. will get \$5.

I am really sorry Collector Morris has not been visited but he may be very circumspet. Am sorry to see such an attack upon Mrs. Young as appeared in Oregonian.

I imagine it was written by Mr. Crawford who does not like Young. The girls have returned their home in safety. They are all very frail and are hardly physically equal to the hardships of that post. But still the Lord gives strength out of weakness.

The Indians are moving into the House and will have things very pretty soon. The paperies near Chilcat are at war with each other both claiming that same ground. H. F. W. Co is interested in one and always from Columbia river the other. Looks a little odd and a war with each and barrels of goods passing here to Sitka.

Always have been since your Tongue. Weather mild but no work yet in the snow. We have seen at great expense in flying home but there is no work for me as yet.

Service will be here in a week, in the morning I can write you more fully.

Yours truly,

John G. Avery.

Salt Lake, Ut.
April 20, 1871.

Rev. Dr. Stephen Johnson,
New York, N. Y.

My esteemed friend:

Your school paper of 18th inst., duly to hand with Dr. A. L. Austin's letter which I herewith return as requested. It stayed in hand all day yesterday but we had only about 25 students at Sunday school and therefore did not read the letters. Will do so next Sabbath when I hope we may have a full attendance.

We have given our Sunday school greatly interested in Mrs. W. Perkins' school for girls. I have had a large amount of material donated for the girls school by the ladies of our church. We are engaged in making up red flannel petticoats, night gowns, dresses and drawers for the girls, besides we have had donated for them material for sheets, pillow cases, muslin, blankets, green goods (rocking chairs), stockings, heads, mittens, woolen caps, straw bonnets, towels, pins, needles, paper, buttons, handkerchiefs, toilet soap, letter paper, envelopes special station, plates,

pencils, lead pencils, nailers, 1 pair shears, hooks and eyes, thimbles, 1 students lamp for Mrs. McFarland etc. etc. and they hope to have the box ready to ship in about 2 or 3 May. that it may reach Mrs. McFarland early in June..

it is a great point gained if we can get young persons interested in self denying labors in early life then they become in after years great givers and workers in the master's cause and kingdom on earth.. Had I received your letter sooner I would not have donated so much material for clothing etc., but would have used for money donations to rebuild the school for Mrs. McFarland and her girls. But I have not gotten through my list of givers. I will not promise to send you any money but I will do what I can in that line.

A short time since the Boundary Avenue Presbyterian Church remitted to the Board of Domestic Missions in New York some money. \$175. of which I donated and requested the church to have \$50. of my donation go to Alaska and balance for the general purposes of the Board. Will you please have the Board apply the whole of my donation say \$175. to a fund for rebuilding the McFarland School for girls at Fort Snare.

Please write me how much per annum it will cost a Sunday school class to adopt and educate an Indian Girl in Mrs. McFarland's school. I told a little 13 year old girl here it would cost \$20. a year. She said she would give \$10. if her teacher approved of it and her Sunday school would contribute the balance. I have seen her since and her class will take and educate an Indian girl at Mrs. McFarland's school (this little girl does not go to our Boundary Avenue church) but to another Presbyterian Sunday school.

Dr. Jackson will you get from Mrs. Haines 2 to 6 of the pictures of Sika's school which Mr. Austin says "Linnie" has taken. Can you send me a few of the pictures of Mrs. McFarland's girls such as you gave me when you were at my house last..

Now that our young people are so much interested in Mrs. McFarland's school much good may grow out of these pictures here.

Very truly yours in the Gospel.

Henry H. Harvey..

Philadelphia, Pa.

April 20, 1893.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

I have this day forwarded to Mrs. M. E. Boyd,

treasurer of the Women's F. Mission the sum of four hundred and eighty dollars (400.) from the second Presbyterian church, Philadelphia..

The above sum is to be applied to the support of a female teacher in Sitka, Alaska, which teacher you will please appoint and send us her name at your earliest convenience..

Yours truly,

Margaret H. Smith.

Treasurer of auxiliary of the
W. F. M. of the second Church,
Philadelphia.

Barnett, Penn.
April 25, 1883.

Rev. Nathan Johnson,

New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

I received your letter yesterday evening.

Is the fare to the city and return, that is not to be named between you and me. I would walk to the city many times and oblige a man who has ridden so many thousands of miles and risked his life often for the cause of Christ. Besides you have been a friend to Love which I appreciate.

Love is real well and likes the work of Christian very much. If Brother Moore of Concord accepts your appointment and has good health, you have made a good selection. Such an appointment as that in Kansas, Colorado, Dakota, or Utah would suit on first rate. I think I am not out for visiting destitute regions and organizing churches. If the Presbyterian church would only lay down to our Home Board money enough to go in and purchase this land, which she would easily do, I would be greatly rejoiced. I wish you would take the way you had at Knoxville and go into every Synod of the General Assembly annually and make that case reveal you were there. In pastors are not half raised yet. The success of Home Missions is the success of Foreign Missions.

The matter of preaching the gospel to all nations begins at Jerusalem.

Believe me with kindest regards to you and yours
From an old sister.

Professionally,

James H. Schless.

Pittsburg, Pa.
April 25, 1922.

Dr. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

In looking over our file of the Rocky Mountain Presbyterian I find that December 1877 is the first number we have, and that the whole year from June 1876 to May 1879 inclusive is missing.

Can the earlier numbers from the beginning up to Oct. 1877 with that of Jan 1878 and the whole year from June 1876 to May 1879 (inclusive) be sent in order to complete the file? And if not can you supply us for reference all earlier numbers up to October 1877 relating to Woman's work for these places in any way, and also the year as covered by June 1876 to June 1877 or any rather of that year? For I have several papers of the same number containing the first annual report and other matters as had at Berea's.

Will you please tell me whether the New York Ladies Board undertook the reprint of the first work at Fort Warrble from the outset, and whether Mrs. McFarland was first confirmed to be its own secretary.

You surely ever allude to the N. Y. Ladies Board and as far as I can see never mention allusion to its nor direct contributions to be sent through its treasurer.

Perhaps you can also tell me what level of ladies including Mrs. Graham (as I understand it) went out to that desolate region to the ladies where Woman's work for the exceptional people and regions was said to have been started.

Any facts in the earlier history of this work for those missions will be very helpful to me, for though I say not yet all this information I am seeking in detail, it will greatly aid in preparing a correct and reliable history, which I am striving to complete for Berea.

It also occurs to me to ask whether I shall return the minute book by express or wait and bring it when I come myself.

If you have the papers I have requested and will mail them as soon as you conveniently can, it will greatly oblige me, and aid in the good cause though in a small way, for which I am sure you are ready.

Sincerely yours,
C. S. Howell.

Dr. Sheldon Jackson
Dear Brother:

Covington, Pa.
April 25, 1922.

I am glad you gave me the privilege of commenting

your project as in my Synodical and Synagogue work I was able to get forth not a little definite knowledge as concerning the same and which I felt interest in Mrs. Willard and her school.

Ever since the end of the last year Secretaries of Auxiliaries have written me "we shall direct our energies for the present to raising funds for Mrs. Willard".

I heard while in Pittsburgh that one large sewing society was kept alive simply by their alone love for Mrs. Willard and their pleasure in contributing to her school.

I asked a lady to read a letter from Mrs. Willard in one of our Ladies' Bazaar Societies at our last dinner and as a result the friend herself obliged to furnish a large number of copies for the Home Societies of ladies who heard it.

I expect H. V. to be at church this year if published, possibly I may do something toward its sale. I shall be very glad to call attention to it. In response - my friends H. V.'s were last summer, the bookshelves could not meet the demand. Hundreds of copies might have been sold. These precious little books for daily use were, of course, somewhat different from a set volume as you contemplate.

Four members of the first meeting of General Assembly along with me were 1/2 Mrs. others was a great appreciation of something a most intense desire, of my heart, but appetites like the first with slender purses and so my heart must stay itself upon the public print for its glad answer of gratification.

Very cordially yours
F. A. Lyer.

Owington, Pa.
April 28, 1882.

Rev. John W. Dallas,
Dear Brother:

I have recently learned with pleasure that the purpose is under contemplation of offering our Board of Publication Volume of Mrs. Willard's collected letters for publication.

As Synodical Secretary of W. H. S. Conventions in which I assisted Rev. A. A. Baird, during the month of February in Scotland, Pa. I have great reason to believe that such a volume will be hailed with delight.

In repeated letters from Auxiliaries I find that

Mrs. Willard's work seems held upon the Societies as almost the leading interest. Indeed I was told while in Pittsburg in February that the Evangelizing Society in the Presbytery of Allegheny seem to entertain resistance to the above work of Mrs. Willard and their interest in contributing to her school.

In Carlisle Presbytery since the women raised \$1,000 for her.

Last summer I assisted in the Women's Missionary work at Chambersburg. At your house, perhaps, our meetings there are composed of members of the various Evangelical denominations. On one occasion an audience of several hundred, I requested a lady to read a recent letter from Mrs. Willard.

Next day she said to me "The ladies seem to have been deeply interested in Mrs. Willard's letter. I am pledged for a large number of copies to carry to their home societies."

I visited Dr. H. in his home in the same work at Chambersburg in August 1883, and so, when I heard of this project, it occurred to me that possibly I might assist a little in the sale of the work. If indeed he have friends to which it..

Either the Presbyterian Board of Publication or the Presbyterian Church has heretofore been represented at the Bazaar held at Chambersburg and still be so, doubtless, this year.

Indeed, Presbyterians attend the Bazaar in large numbers every year. In fact, that last year formal steps were taken to erect an all-glass room or building known as "Pres. Headquarters". Your associate member in the Board of Publication Dr. Gordon, is always at chambers and to his my arrangements for the sale of the work could, no doubt be entrusted.

I beg you will pardon me, Dr. Dulles if I have taken undue liberty in writing so freely as I have but I felt so gratified at even the suggestion which I have made that I could not resist adding my little quota of knowledge concerning it. In favor of the publication.

In my ladies Devotional meetings, as well as in the Missionary meetings, I frequently take opportunity to recommend books that I have to be useful in building up character in the great knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. Anything that you might desire to recommend in this direction I shall be glad to bring to notice.

I find numbers who are glad to know which is good to read.

Very sincerely yours,
Mary A. Dyer.

East Springfield, N. Y.
April 26, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother:

Will you do our Christian ladies the favor (who feel an intense interest in the happiness of Mr. and Mrs. Willard and have sent money to the Ladies Board to be forwarded to them) to let us know if those must have been forwarded as requested.

Three hundred dollars additional are on hand ready to be sent but such for some unaccountable reason in the darkness these letters are kept in as to the disposition made of their special contributions to Mr and Mrs. Willard that they are unwilling to forward until they have more light on the matter.

I have written Mrs. A. E. Boyd in their behalf on the matter but as yet received no reply.

I have written very recently to C. D. Eaton requesting the favor of information how funds can be sent to Haines, Alaska, with no answer has come.

Possibly both letters have been misdirected. Can you throw any light on the matter and so relieve the anxiety of many of true friends of those missions as the cause has many here in the country and have shown their friendship and loyalty by generous donations — this letter is confidential.

My son in Elkhart writes me of a pleasant interview with yourself at Mrs. Pratts lately in that city and said you would be pleased to come this way some time. You will be most cordially welcome whenever in your convenience you can visit Springfield and address a missionary meeting.

If at General Assembly in Saratoga, you will be near us, taking the cars from Saratoga to Schenectady thence to Central Bridge on the E. W. & Sing. R. R. thence to Overny Valley where I would meet you. We are about fifty miles or so from Saratoga.

Please sincerely return mail and such oblige

Yours very truly,

Mary F. Sarborne.

New York, N. Y.
April 26, 1883.

Dear Dr. Dallas:

I sent you by Adams express this A. M. charges paid MMS. of Mrs. Willard's letters.

Mrs. Willard of Haines, Alaska is probably the most

gifted writer among wives of Home Missionaries. Her letters have been sent the Ladies of Central and Southern Pennsylvania on fire and some sections of New York state.

In some instances they have been in the habit of copying them by hand and sending them around to Ladies Societies. It has been suggested that they be placed in printed form for more general circulation.

If you have time please look it over and have some of your Committee act on it if the Board wants it. I can furnish some illustrations for it.

Truly yours,
Evelyn Jennings.

Allegheny, Pa.
May 1, 1882.

Rev. John W. Dallas.
Dear Sir:

We have heard from Dorsey Jackson and Mrs. White that they were preparing a release of Mrs. Willard's letters for the grand old Top Shanty School general distribution.

After consulting with others, I have determined to write and say to you that we think the book would do good in our Home Mission work, tho of course I do not pledge the sale of my given amount.

Mrs. Willard is very popular and beloved here and in Harrisburg and also in New York.

I have never read such stirring letters as these are. We need such literature for our Home Mission work. Please don't consider anything I have written in the way of a pledge because I do not mean to mean any, and I consulted Mrs. Dr. Howell before venturing to write you, and she feels with us that the book will be used in giving information and raising an interest in far off Alabama.

Please excuse the liberty I have taken in expressing an opinion unwarranted, but of interest in Mrs. Willard and her work and her success.

Your name has long been familiar to me through the friendship shown by our united Father.

This letter requires no answer.

Very truly yours,
Kate Plummer Bryan.

Allegheny, Pa.
May 1, 1882.

Rev. Dr. Jackson.
My dear Sir:

I consulted Mrs. Howell and wrote a letter to Dr.

Dulles that I had heard from you and Mrs. White that Mrs. Willard's letters were being prepared for publication and wrote to say that they would be well received tho' we did not desire our silver for any material.

Perhaps you may have not known so much has been said by the papers that be about the money I raised here for the book and about our living special interest in any one missionary that I felt I could not take any other step for Mrs. Willard without advice. Mrs. White wrote me at once that as you did.

I hope you will understand why I sharply announced from what I heard of the work. We had some some missionary literature.

I have been hesitating perhaps, I am learning as I progress in this work to go cautiously. But I offend.

Very truly yours,

John F. Ryan.

Havertie, Pa.
May 8, 1843.

Rev. Abner Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother:

Yours of April 28th was duly received. Please pardon delay in answering. Under the circumstances (the writing being from a distance) I feel a difficulty in the matter of trying their publication and will work in the matter in a quiet way through friends. Have already, Mrs. Ryan. From some information there seems to be some fault on the part of the publishers that it may not be a successful enterprise. If you feel favorable to it please write Rev. John A. Dulles.

I purpose trying to interest the churches in our Presbytery as to how we can best use the Society's efforts.

What is the probable price? Should a considerable number of orders be sent in it would give encouragement.

Hope to write again when I can give greater satisfaction.

Yours very truly,

L. White.

East Springfield, N. Y.
May 8, 1843.

Dear Mrs. Jackson:

Mrs. Willard in one of her letters to the Springfield

sabbath school has stated at any length difficulties under which she wrote her letters, but has more fully related in private and confidential missives, some of her troubles from sickness and isolation from her home and work while in Sitta.

I could not in haste to get forward a copy of any private letters and you have I believe all her sabbath school letters. I will however give you an extract from her last private letter if all is well, and you at all in preparing a preface to her work — not to quote directly from it so much as to get at circumstances under which she wrote some of her letters. The letter is dated March 21, 1883 at Sitta. "The steamer is in. I have not a few moments. I have had quite a hospital. Miss Withers has had an attack of brain trouble — rendered for a day or two, no one else could do anything for her. My husband at the same time inflammation of the bowels. Carrie Wallace with colic — of little more both sick with sore throat and cough. I am tired".

Indeed I wish it were proper for you to read the entire letter, so full of soul in fulfilling all the duties of a consecrated and devoted missionary, a soul that I fear is getting her up, so anxious for someone in England to lay the boys and girls from surrounding with, so that their desired home could be built and occupied to the present season.

I will send at your request by today's mail a letter to Rev. Mr. Duffee covering the ground you have indicated. Her letters are certainly most admirable, unsurpassed if ever equalled by any missionary letters that have ever fallen in my way to read, and most deeply adapted to awaken interest in those missions in every heart to move knowledge their work.

The reading of them in ladies societies in Chicago and our little presbyteries have already secured these societies that they have pledged will give two thousand dollars towards building a home at the Chinese mission station.

But I am telling you so much.

Your fortress in Grief,

P. P. S. S. S.

P. S. Yesterday I received a letter from Dr. Marshall and have replied to it giving him in fuller detail some of what I wrote you the 10th ult.

Hoping to hear from you soon I close

P. P. S.

Pittsburg, Pa.

May 3, 1883.

Dear Dr. Jackson:

By your kind information I was able to procure the

volumes of the Rocky Mountain Free Press, and had finished reading them, taking copious notes before your last letter arrived. Then I felt glad that I had dug out for myself the facts, dates and details I needed. These files with the minutes of the Executive Committee are invaluable sources of information which I can now serve to refresh your own memory too. I thank you, especially for the record of the executive organizations for these Missions beginning with the first effort for New Mexico as they supplied the link I was anxious to secure.

I have followed with deep interest the appearance and disappearance and occasional reappearance of the Latter Board of Missions in with the Minutes and the monthly and yearly with an added feeling of sympathy and warm affection.

Thanking you for your kindness and carefully re-reading your first my own words on my account I am
 sincerely yours,

C. A. Shovel.

Portland, Oregon.
 May 5, 1903.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
 New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Steamer Birken was lost in Peril straits but she had been to Jackson and landed baggage of the Birken, so rumor of Idaho says. Rev. H. W. Hill of Idaho arrived this evening, all well.

Truly and very truly,

W. H. Hill.

Treasury Department,
 Washington, D. C.
 May 5, 1903.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
 New York, N. Y.

My dear Doctor:

The young girls Society in our church are desirous of sending \$25. to Mrs. M. Farland. Will you kindly inform me whether we can readily get a draft cashed on San Francisco or whether it would be better to send the money by registered mail, is there no money order office at Fort Wriggle.

Glad you have exceeded the \$100,000 and that the good work still goes on. Hopes yourself and family are

enjoying good health.

Sincerely,

J. F. Sweetann.

Philadelphia, Pa.
May 7, 1882.

Rev. Salmon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.
Dear Sir:

It occurred to me last night, as I listened to your address at Armistice Hall, that it contained many things that would be valuable to our "Indian Rights Association". I now write to ask whether you are willing to prepare a paper based upon your address relative to the Apaches, which I could bring before our Committee on Publication. In this way we would give your words a wide circulation and you would be acting as with a formidable weapon for the fight which we have entered.

May I also earnestly request that you will consent to become a member of the "Indian Rights Association" of which I am the Corresponding Secretary. Your only obligation will be the payment of two dollars per annum. I forward to your address a copy of our constitution and by law, also a copy of my friend Dr. Furman's pamphlet.

Yours sincerely,

Harriet Welch.

Clark, Pa.
May 11, 1882.

Rev. J. A. Miller,
Philadelphia, Pa.
Dear Sir:

I am glad to learn that you intend publishing the missionary correspondence of Mrs. Willard. I think it will do good. No one else has elicited the pleasant work she left in Seattle and made the current one in the work and her pictures of the missionary life in Alaska, were soon lost nearly forgotten.

Yours fraternally,

D. A. Merrill.

Heise, Alaska.
May 11, 1882.

Dr. Jackson,
Dear Brother:

we are again beginning a new year. My last quarter

ended the first of May.

I am glad that I am able to write my report from the Chilcat country.. I have not yet visited the upper village but hope to do so this week. I had intended going up tomorrow morning but the weather has set in a little heavy. I am afraid so small not to be able to make the trip until it moderates, somewhat.

The murderer is reported to have said that if he is not made satisfaction at the country he will destroy the canoe and the goods of the first white man that comes to the upper village.

I think I will go up and see if he is going to carry out his threat.

We are to have two canaries on the Chilcat side one across the river, the other on this side almost straight across the peninsula from our sand beach. Both are to be large establishments I understand.

Concerning the boat.. I like your proposition, the surf boat that I now have is an excellent one. I could get \$200. for it at any time.. I will have a small flat bottomed skiff made for the Chilcat river as soon as I get the plank checks from Portland.

I have not heard from the "Bankers" as yet. Please let me know the amount in deposit.

Two parties of miners have gone over the mountains to the Yukon. More are expected soon.

May 14. I have made my visit to the upper Chilcat and find things in good running order. The house that Louis set up is a good strong one, one story high and 15 x 20 floor, two rooms down stairs one up.

Fillie is holding school at present in the kitchen.

The large Indian house has been taken down. I found but few people in the village, the men having gone to the Stick country and most of the women fishing along the river between their village and the lower village.

On my return I found the "Favorite" anchored in the harbor taking the goods from the store, the Company intended to put everything in Pyramid harbor. The house the buildings here and also erected a small log hut on our sand beach for some unknown purpose.

I was unable to get caries at the upper village, the women would not sell unless their husbands were there, a stone lamp and a small green stone chisel purchased from the old crew chief who was detained at home on account of sickness were the only things I could secure. So far the \$100.00 has not been broken.

I find the two German naturalists have carried off most everything they could lay their hands on paying large prices in every instance.

I have forgotten whether I asked you to let me know

when you have your chart completed or not? Please let me know also to what extent I can draw on the bank in Portland. All unite in sending kindest regards to yourself and family.

Fraternally yours,
Eugene S. Willard.

Department of Agriculture.
Washington, D. C.
May 8, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

In acknowledging your favor of the 7th instant I beg to thank you for the interest you have manifested and to express my pleasure in the anticipation of receiving an account of the resources of Southeastern Alaska from an observer so widely and so favorably known.

Respectfully,

George B. Loring,
Commissioner.

Haines, Alaska.
May 14, 1883.

Dear Dr. Jackson:

Enclosed you will please find a note addressed me by the Editors of "The Century".

As we understood that Dr. Yensen of Sitka intended sending them an article on the same steamer it was thought best to send mine directly to them and I did so in January with ten accompanying sketches, some of which are inferior, others are better than some I have seen in the magazines.

They evidently have had enough illustrated articles on Alaska for one year. I sent it hastily hoping to get the blocks for you. Since that failed I put it at once into your hands to act for me as you think best.

You know the whole thing was dedicated to Home Missions. The first money it would bring I gave to the Lord for the Home here which, before I gave that, had not received any gift.

So when you have seen the manuscript and sketches you think well to have the paper and take the sketches yourself — or better to transfer the whole to another publication, please do what you believe will bring most good to the cause and I shall be happy.

By this mail we send you a sketch of the institute

Its only merit over the photographs is that it gives an idea of the location.

The letter I wrote of Sitka is not what I should like to have made it, and I intended writing a second to follow it but was and is impossible for me to do it. I find myself deplorably weak and I think you have no conception of the difference in the work which we must do and what can be gotten along with in other fields. It is our wish that the book should not be closed without a letter from our field again, that there might be no question in regard to continuance and prosperity of the Chilkat Mission.

For that reason Mr. Willard thinks best to send you a copy of my new letter telling of our return.

I do hope that there may have been many parts of my letters omitted, especially all personal remarks or reflections on any person in Alaska, they can only do harm. I am perfectly willing to suffer anything needful for the furtherance of the gospel but things which I have been led into saying to my parents were not intended for others and I would protest against their publication.

I also directed my sister to accept nothing which she saw in print or which she did not have the original letters, as I had seen several batches which made me out a discreditable person. One letter in particular, that about "our first funeral" was so transposed as to make it a loud and deliberate lie.

Whoever takes the responsibility for these things in the East, cannot, unfortunately, bear the brunt of it in this country. Those papers are sent to other persons here who are glad to find such things, they can be instruments of cruel torture.

I cannot believe that the end will justify the means.

My sister replies that she has already sent the letters to you and that she could not obtain the original letters in every case. I did not object to having the letters published on account of their businesses etc., when it was deemed by wiser persons than I that they might do good.

I only object to having the sense so changed that their first appearance brands me as a liar.

I can and do suffer for the truth. Let me tell you now.

The leaflet which I wrote for the Christian women at home, has been circulated throughout the archipelago nailed up in stores and - looms by the interested miners, and the traders who sympathize with them. You remember Jack Turnbull in Sitka? He took another turn towards the right and came up with us to get work on the Cannery buildings and stopped with us until he should be needed there. One day he came in with a few of these leaflets several letters and some newspapers, torn open, as he handed them

to me he said "You have gotten the people of this country terribly down on you, Mrs. Willard".

"Why how?" I exclaimed, "and where did you get this mail?"

"Some miners have just come in", he replied "and gave it to me saying that they wouldn't have touched it only that they had promised Mr. Willard in Sitka." They said that two boxes had come up to Juneau on the Rose for us, they were put out on the wharf and lay there. These men who had come up on the same trip and knew nothing of the furor went to the store of the N. W. T. Co. and asked them to house our freight. They replied in part by pointing to this leaflet tacked up on the wall, and they heard the same thing everywhere that not a soul would lift a hand to save the Willards since they could write such things of the miners.

No one in all the town would so much as allow the goods to be placed under their roof except old Joe Cohen. He paid the freight from Sitka and took them into his care.

The miners added further in talking to Jack that they could just as well as not have brought the boxes up with them and would have been glad to do so before they knew of this. When he asked them to come up to see us, they answered with a sneer.

I asked Jack if he had not the paper. He said he had not and that a great many who most ardently condemned us would never read it.

When I read that part (in question) to him, I asked him if he found any untruth in that? He answered hesitatingly, ——— (he too is a miner) "I don't think I ever saw quite ——— oh yes, I have too there is no use in denying it".

Since then he has read your paper presented to the Senate and says that when that is found by the miners your life will hardly be safe in this country.

As to the dedication of the book Doctor, I think its dedication will be its chief honor. Without as much as hinting that I thought such a thing might be acceptable to you I told my sister that if she, as its compiler, would dedicate it to you, Alaska's chief missionary, and its missionaries chief friend, I would be very glad.

With much love to all the dear and good friends
I am as ever

Sincerely,

Carrie M. Willard.

New York, N. Y.

May 15, 1883.

Dear Dr. Jackson:

Enclosed is the check for steam launch \$290.39 —

\$143. you paid to me and \$147.39 paid by the Ladies of Allegany Presbytery.

I have not time to look any more thoroughly tonight but this is all that I can see at a casual glance as being directed to go to you in person.

Yours truly,

C. E. Boyd.

P. S. Please put a check stamp on this as I have none, also send me a receipt to Sratega.

Sitka, Alaska.

May 15, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Jackson:

When I wrote you last month we were partially moved, as soon as the steamer left, we finished and now we are comfortably quartered in the Sheldon Jackson Institute.

Office hours from 6 A. M. until 11 P. M.

I was awakened this morning at four o'clock by a severe wind and rain storm. I was out on the floor about as soon as my eyes were open, frightened Mrs. Austin very much, thought the house was on fire.

It sounded exactly like it. We had an alarm of fire last night while we were at tea. Roof of Mr. Snelge house caught fire, but was soon put out. When it is dry we have to bring our water from Indian river and in case of fire we would have to bring water in buckets from the bay. When the tide is low we should have to go four or five blocks for it. In my report to Dr. Kendall I mention this fact, and urge that something be done about the matter at once.

Delay is dangerous and very imprudent. While we were removing the water from the old stable, an old Russian who lives with a screw said to one of the boys, "Why do you move it? You will want it next summer". I know they are doing all they can secretly to hinder our work and you know what an ignorant and depraved class they are. And I have always had strong suspicions that they set the other building on fire. Our lack of fire apparatus causes so much anxiety. I have a large tierce of water in the garret and the kerosene buckets ready for use, but our house cost too much money to take any risk.

Have not heard from the Willards since the Rose returned from conveying them to Chilcat, but hear that the Eureka, which now lies a wreck in Peril Strait has lumber in her for them. The last steamer brought an organ for the upper village and a box of mission goods for Mr. Willard they came by express and I had to pay \$16.50 freight on it.

I shipped it to Harrisburg on the Rose and Captain Whitford reported on his return that the Agent there would have anything to do with it except Mr. Cohen who stored it in his store or house. The cause "a tract written by Mrs. Willard" the title I believe is "From Sisters for Sisters to Sisters" Some one probably May Morris sent a package to Harrisburg and they were distributed to the miners and storekeepers who were greatly offended by the statements it contained. Whitford remarked "because they were true". We have taken three girls into the Home and will take others as soon as suitable ones can be obtained.

Many of the Indian families have gone away for the summer to plant their gardens and put up their fish. Ever since the children had the measles, the Indians come to me to doctor them, and if I don't give them medicines they think I must be angry with them. Have been to see Mrs. Rostrometoff twice today, she is quite sick and the ship doctors are both away.

We finished planting our garden on May 5th. Have had the brush removed and piled up behind the house when the front was cleared and have used it to build a fence between us and Haley's, in the woods. Have one gang of boys grading the front and another grading the back of the house. The boys work well now that I am with them all the time. They work one hour before school and three hours in the afternoon. Had to dress the reins pretty tight, but a little witch hazel soon cured the sick ones, am using the room towards Haley for a store room for clothing, bedding, dry goods etc. and the next for girls dormitory.

Have a door in the hall which we close at night shutting them off from the boys dormitory. Have ceiled the girls dormitory and the store room, have lined our room with cheese cloth and have papered with the exception of our kitchen and store rooms which will do as they are.

If I have time to get logs and have lumber sawed, so that it will season I will have a double partition put along the hall on the side of the dormitories, as the boards have shrunk, leaving cracks, an inch and a half wide. We have the stairs to make at both ends of the building, the stoops to box in and two doors to hang in the school room on the end towards the front hall. The front stoop, hall and stairs are finished except the glass over the front door.

We have the front and the ends of the house to paint. Shall work outside when the weather will permit and finish up inside when it rains.

I ordered one thousand feet of flooring from Wadham & Elliott and they sent first quality instead of second. Was sorry on account of extra expense. They have built a wharf from the end of the building over by Col. Ball's house and will put up salt salmon in barrels and call codfish this year, if the parties are suited after prospecting this

year they will can salmon next year..

We ought to have a good net this summer, certainly before another summer, if we ever intend to do anything with the boys we have. I present towards paying the expense of Institution. Next May the time will be up for which many of them entered and the oldest and best of them to work will want to leave unless we can give them something to do so that they can earn something for themselves.

I think if we had a good net we could fish during the season, sell them at a fair rate to the cannery, give part of the money to the boys and keep the rest for the home. Then I would try to get the boys to let us keep the money for them until they had enough to build a small house where you proposed to build an Indian village on our farm.

It strikes me this would be the best way to start it. Unless something of this kind can be done for them, I feel satisfied in my own mind they will drift back to the ranch, and much of our labor will be in vain.

Would it not be a good plan for you to write to the different missionaries here, to select my six strong healthy boys from the different stations and send them here for five years if possible, the first opportunity.

May 16, 1883.

The Adams came into port this A. M. reports that the Idaho has gone to Chiloet with fifty children and has one hundred miners for Harrisburg. We have taken another girl into the home today. Mrs. Austin's are not quite so well at present. Too much work in the dust. Hope they will get entirely well now that we are settled, and our family so much smaller.

Livie is troubled with chills and fever.. Will send you a picture of Daisy Jackson and the other girls as soon as I can fit up a room to take them.

Family all unite with me in sending kind regards, to you and yours.

Hope the Board will allow us to dress our boys in uniform.

Sincerely yours,
A. E. Austin.

Juneau, Alaska.
May 15, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother:

Your letter received this morning concerning the mail

contract between here and Chilcat..

I shall be happy to do all I can to assist you in fulfilling the contract and furnish the Willards with their letters for I know what it is to be deprived of mail. Last winter I was once over two months without a letter. I shall write to Mr. Willard and get his plans, for my part I think that he could do better than I can, for I am here only during the six months of the year.

Please send me a paper at once authorizing me to get the Chilcat mail which I could produce if necessary. The postmaster might refuse to give me the mail if I had nothing to show that I was authorized to take it.

What is the latest date the July mail can remain at Juneau?

I understand you to say that if Mr. Willard engages to attend to sending for the mail and fails to send for it by a certain date, I am then to send it my box. What is the date? I am thus particular for I can see where a difficulty might arise between Mr. Willard and myself. I might send the mail to Heines and the next day a canoe might arrive from him to get it.

I wish to avoid any unpleasantness with any one, and with God's help I have succeeded so far.

The Indian name of the Takoo village where I have my mission buildings is Teek - muk - sank-y, the English name Takoo Harbor or Barlow Bay.

The Takooos are a very restless people and the work last winter was a difficult one yet God has been pleased to bless my imperfect labors beyond my rightest hopes. Peace and quietness prevailed here before there had been riot and drunkenness, a good church attendance for a beginning 175 the largest at one time..

My wife has ordered school rolls, 122 names and an average attendance of 30 scholars. I have erected a dwelling 26 x 36, one story and a half high, seven windows, double floors, tin kitchen and ceilings coiled with planed and grooved boards, also a church 30 x 40, six windows, coiled inside, benches pulpit and all complete. The cost of the two buildings is \$1000 and all paid for. "The Lord's arm is not shortened" to Him be all the praise.

Accept my sincere thanks for the papers you so kindly sent me this winter. Also for your kind offer of help in getting a reduced rate of fare.

Mrs. Corlies joins me in love to yourself and wife.

Yours in the Master's service,
W. H. Corlies.

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Fort Wrangell, Alaska.
May 17, 1863.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother:

Your letter received on last Monday morning.

Providing Mr. Gould fails to send his man in time for the mail will endeavor to secure some person.

You spoke of some changes that would soon take place in our mission. I am to take Mrs. Young's boys school, is astonishing news to me. I would like an explanation. How is it she is to leave the territory?

I would like to understand just how it is to be run before I would enter into such an important work. There are certain conditions in which I would hesitate to accept the position.

My wife and I are in good shape now for moving to any new mission as our flitting would be easily handled. I wish you were coming instead of Brother Mill as there would be more freedom in talking with you.

The Oregonian states that Mr. Chapman a white man, and an Indian boy were drowned April 28 while out sailing. I think it must be a mistake.

If any person would like to aid in the way of medical works or medicine it would be very acceptable as we lost everything in this line. Hoping to hear from you soon I remain

Your brother in Christ,
J. W. McFarland.

Saratoga, N. Y.
May 18, 1863.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Jackson:

I received your card today also the cloth map. Many thanks. It will be a great help before the committee. I have a full set of documents and expect to have little trouble to get the Presbytery constituted.

Shall I use this map in lecturing, or have you another that is better for that. Have not seen any of the secretaries yet.

I think Mrs. Young will yet arrive.

Yours in X,
S. Hall Young..

Fort Wrangle, Alaska.
May 19, 1863.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Brother:

Yours of April 23rd is received. Many, many thanks

for your interest and sympathy and to Dear Mrs. Jackson for the money.

I had a letter from Mr. Hill written after yours saying he would be here on the June steamer to put up the saw mill and get out the lumber for our buildings. This does not give us a hope of having a building very soon. It will be very hard to get through next winter situated as we now are, but as Dr. Kendall used to say "We will see what we will see".

We have only received one box from the East yet. It was a very good one and from what you and Dr. Hill write me we will have an abundant supply when they have time to reach us.

We will need all that will come for our loss was such a complete one that we are destitute of almost everything.

I am very anxious to see what the "official changes" the Board are going to make here. I fear much about it. I think it was too bad for you to just give a hint of the matter and go no further. Don't you know how hard it is for a woman to wait a whole month to hear the certainty?

I thought Mr. Young wrote you the full particulars of the fire and also a letter for the "Home Missions" before he left home.

Mrs. Young expects to go down this steamer. She has been much disappointed about getting down and will now have to go all the way East alone with her little children, which will not be very pleasant.

I am glad to know Doctor and Mrs. Kendall have returned. I sincerely hope you will be able to get the use of these buildings. It will save a very great expense. Now about making you a list of the girls names and by whom supported, it is impossible for me to do it.

If I had my books I could do it in a few minutes but I lost my desk with everything in it. I presume Mrs. Miller has the list that the other Board had and if she will send me a copy of it and also of the list they had in the office of the Executive Committee I will take the two and make out a correct list as far as I can. I think this will be the best thing to do.

You remember when you were here you doubled on several of the girls. No I do not think I have ever been asked to give a girl to Mrs. John Sinclair of New York. (Mrs. Miller wrote me this mail about it) I have none to give her at present but may have one very soon and will write Mrs. Miller about it.

Of course I will not mention anything to Mrs. Young she will hear soon enough. I will enclose a little picture of Bessie, I think it is real cunning but not half as pretty as she is.

With much love to you all.
 Your sister in Christ,
 A. R. McFarland.

Sitka, Alaska.
 May 19-, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
 New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Jackson:

Your kind letter came yesterday, contents noted.
 Will try and get healthy children for the Home.

Pictures of Elbert and Susan reached me safely. Have
 sent a letter to them by this mail.

I send bills of picks from Haltern's to you.
 Have sent a bill for lumber from Haltern to Mr. Eaton,
 used it to seal over girls dormitory and store room,
 to keep the boys away.

Don't think bills for papering etc. to come in will
 amount to over one hundred dollars. This will end ex-
 penses on the Home, for present at least.

Will build bell tower too.

Have sent quarterly report to Dr. Kendall, wish
 they would send my salary as soon as possible next time.

Confidential.

The Willards owe me five hundred dollars and I
 will have to wait until they can send it, this cramps
 me.

Have not been to the steamer yet.

In haste.

Your brother,

A. R. Austin.

P. S. Will send bills to you direct, thought it best to
 send this one to you.

Wilmington, Illinois.
 May 21, 1883.

My dear Mrs. White:

Dr. Willard just handed your letter to me today.
 He had forgotten it; you know physicians are busy most
 of their time. I was in at Mrs. Willard's today and she
 asked what I thought of the book. I asked what book and
 she wanted to know if the Doctor had not given your letter
 to me, and while we were talking the Doctor came in and
 handed me your letter.

Now I think the book can be sold very readily, and
 as sure I will do all I can to help.

I think that I could sell several of them in Joliet for I know that both Presbyterian Churches do a great deal of missionary work and each have Pastor's and Rec-
tor's wives that are very much interested in the work, but be sure that we will do all that we can to sell the book in as many places as we can around us, and I do think we can sell a good many in this little town, we have thir-
teen subscribers for the Presbyterian Home Missionary, and they most all say that they just want it for Mrs. Willard's letters.

Our society sent Eugene some bed clothes or sheets and pillow cases and dresses and aprons and some home.

I had heard of the death of your daughter, and I know it must be a great loss.

We have never had any children of our very own but we have raised two boys, they are brothers and orphans so call them our boys and they know no other home than ours, they are both men and in business for themselves one a druggist and one a bookkeeper. We have a little girl that we have had for five years and she is now in her eighth year.

I hope that these letters will be soon published in book form so that we can have some to sell. We are going to try and do all we can at raising money in our society this year, and all that we raise goes to Eugene's work.

I do not want us to report any loss for this year than we did last, and last year we reported one hundred and thirty six dollars (\$136.00) and only twelve members and we sent all and requested it to be applied to Chil-
cat Mission.

Accept my kindest regards for yourself and family.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. A. J. White.

Hydab Mission,
May 24, 1883.

Dr. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

It is not because I have forgotten your kindness to me or because I do not appreciate it, that I have not written, but I know you heard from Brother and know what we were doing.

I began school in October and taught all the time until the 27th of last month when all our people went to Kalamazoo to look for work, and left only two or three little folks to go to school.

We are at last in part of our own house, although

it is only partly complete.

Had our house been so we could have left our things in it we would have gone to Naigard with our people. A new merchant came with his family so of course we had to give them the rooms which we occupied.

Could we have gone with the natives much trouble would have been prevented, as they are careful to do well when we are near them. And yet weather came so they can not hunt fur seal, and there is no school or church in which to occupy their leisure time, and they spend it in playing cards.

Last night a man came up for brother to go to Naigard with him, he had been playing and had lost everything even his hat and coat, which enraged him so, he gathered all the cards ready to destroy them, but the winner caught him and had his knife drawn to stab him, when some more of the Indians interfered.

Brother is away now, we hope he will return tomorrow as a man came today and this evening another attack was made to murder the one whom I wrote about above.

I feel sure could we have been there none of this could have happened. I am much more pleased here than I thought that dreary Sunday evening on which we landed here, I ever could be. Certainly there are many discouragements but I am so much interested in the work I do not often get discouraged.

I will get much interested in one boy and he will get learning nicely and I think will soon be pretty well advanced, then he will go away and perhaps it will be a month or more before he will be in school at all, and has forgotten nearly all and this is so often the case.

If we could only give them work to keep them right here, more good could be accomplished.

We were so sorry to hear of Mrs. Graham's death. It seemed like we had lost an intimate and personal friend. Her good works will live long after her. We think of our good friends often away here in our island home and hope we are not forgotten in your prayers.

Yours in Christian love,

Clara Gould.

Hydah Mission.

Since writing the other, I thought perhaps you might think the reason we have not gotten the house completed, was the want of lumber. But there was lumber sufficient to finish this part, and it could have been completed by the first of the year had anyone worked at it. Brother

worked as much as he had leisure from his legitimate work. Would our conscience allow or could we in any way think it right, it would be very easy to lie idle here, but I do not think any one seeing the work which is to be done and knowing how much the friends East are doing for them can lie idle.

If the ones by whom we are sent, do not know how our time is spent, no one knows all, does; and time will tell here among our people what we do, and how we do it.

It is now after eight o'clock and the sun is just sinking below the mountain and leaving all objects around tinted with his golden light.

We have sometimes so lovely sunsets here, as any person could wish to behold.

I did not intend to write this half sheet but I thought perhaps you would think we had not received the lumber.

I hope I have not written anything which I should not.

Clara Gould.

May 25, 1883.

Dr. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Please find enclosed \$5. five dollars for the benefit of the poor idolaters of whom you spoke to us on Wednesday evening at our lecture room.

Would that it were five hundred. But the Lord has only intrusted a few hundred to my keeping and I cannot do all I would.

May God speed you in your good work.

A fellow Christian.

Albuquerque Indian School.
Albuquerque, New Mexico.
May 25, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Sir:

Yours of the 16th inst., at hand. I put up an additional sleeping room for the Utes and have been compelled to make various changes and improvements but the cost is not very great.

I am glad the Utes are here for the very reason you mention and that is the fact that the school will now be a general one and we can work it into more prominence.

but practically the Utes are a source of great annoyance and trouble.. We had settled down with our Pueblo children and were moving along very smoothly.. These Utes are in an entirely different element — they differ from the others in being bold, self confident, impudent, savage, untrained and with no knowledge of restraint, religious or secular..

About 9 of the boys are at least 18 to 20 years of age — in fact some of them are actually warriors.. It is a most fortunate thing that I happened to have two men on the place.. We must recognize the fact that it is no longer possible to carry on the school in the easy, indulgent manner of former days.

There must be more force prominent and ready in case of out break. If for any reason these large Utes should become angry they could do anything they pleased.

No ever I do not anticipate any trouble and I shall hope to be able to meet it when it comes..

You know that the Utes have been to Colorado and the Agent who brought them here seemed more than half afraid of them..

Yours very truly,
R. W. D. Bryan.

McAllisterville, Pa.
May 25, 1883.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

Your letter received..

Have the Ladies of Philadelphia the money in hand for the building and have they the size and plan to build all secured.

No word yet from the Ladies of Philadelphia. Yes, I want to see them. How can I get to preach here when I leave.

Yours etc.,
Thomas Thompson.

Newcastle, Pa.
May 28, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother:

Your letter of May 7th and also May 23rd with note enclosed were duly received. Please pardon delay in answering.

The several I forwarded to Mrs Bryan and have been waiting for a reply which has not yet been received.

I fear the course pursued by the Board will work very unfavorably or in other words have a tendency to keep money from passing through their hands. Every dollar contributed was for that special object and at Mrs. Haines request, I sent a list of the contributors and the caption "Contributions for the Chalet Mission Boat". This together with the money, was forwarded by myself, though at her request and, as I supposed, passed over, as you afterward informed me "they" thought best not to publish it. It would be very difficult now for me to consult all the donors, as I have forwarded the only list of names in my possession to Mr. Willard at his request.

I will do what I can in reference to my daughter. She was born in Newcastle May 3, 1853. Name Carrie M. Coy White. Showed a disposition very early for missionary work, forming a Society for little girls. In 11th year has a protracted sickness during which all hope of recovery was given up by friends and all desire by herself, waiting and longing day by day to depart and be with Christ, but to her great disappointment, after being to all appearances dead, she revived and rapidly recovered.

The assurance that the Lord had work for her given by her parents reconciled her to life and while yet too weak to visit her companions, letters were addressed to them on the subject of religion.

When sufficiently recovered to be carried into the church and before the close of her twelfth year (12) she publicly professed her faith in Christ. Her educational advantages were very limited consisting only of a partial course in the public school — the state of her health forbidding application to books, or confinement to the school-room, the balance obtained from books in her own home. Having taste and talent for drawing and painting commenced early under a teacher in her native place, sometimes in Academy at Cincinnati, National Academy New York, finishing portrait painting in Pennsylvania.

In September 1874 was called to Monmouth, Illinois as teacher of painting and drawing where she spent two years. Was married to Eugene S. Willard April 24th, 1879.

Hoping the foregoing will prove satisfactory it is submitted for your disposal.

I should have said, as I intended, that her life was not perfect, and neither she or her friends would wish to make such an impression.

Yours truly,

Mrs. Jos. White..

Pittsburg, Pa.
May 30, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

I enclose passes requested for Mrs. C. E. Walker in yours of 27th — except that the gap between Cin. and Richmond, Md. is not one of our roads and we will have to pay that short distance.

Yours,
William Thaw.

Mitchell, N. Y.
May 30, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Jackson,

Before this reaches you, you will perhaps have heard that Mrs. Young will be here next week with her family. I have heard of her leaving the port of Victoria on the 26th on the Alaska for San Francisco. So she must be here by this time and will probably start for the west on the 11th — tomorrow.

I am going to Stockbridge, Mass. on Friday to spend a few days with Mr. Field. I would like to present my article on the religion of the Thinkits to him at that time for publication. Will you please mail it to me in his care. I suppose you are not ready to publish it soon. Have you yet decided about your next edition?

After Mrs. Young arrives we will remain here for about a week and then go to New York and thence to Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia. I have made so many arrangements to speak that my journey through Pennsylvania & New Jersey will be rather slow.

I will take the map with me to New York unless you should want it sooner.

Enclosed find checks for mailing the MS.

Regards to Mrs. Jackson.

Yours in the work,

S. Hall Young.

Sitka, Alaska.
May 30, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

No decision has reached this office in reference to

the status of the public buildings at wrangol. Mrs. Farland is however occupying a portion thereof.

As I passed through wrangol, my deputy Mr. Oakford informed me that W. A. Lew, Esq., the individual who purchased the buildings at public sale proposes to collect rent for the premises used as a girls school etc.

Doubtless in his multifarious duties the Honorable Secretary has overlooked the papers which have been laid upon his table for several months.

You might see the Secretary if convenient and obtain a decision on the premises.

Yours respectfully,

Wm. Gouverneur Morris.
Collector.

Carlisle, Pa.

June 3, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother Sheldon,

Yours of the 16th and Mary's of day before yesterday are both received.

I am sorry to know that there is such a disagreement between you and the Board. I am not wholly unprepared for it, but I am sure I do not think it your fault. And I cordially approve of your determination not to remain after their action respecting the salary. I wish now the paper never had been given the Board.

But there is no use in lamenting over that now it is done and the question is what now?

Well, you know advice is cheap, and we all do just as we please after taking advice from our friends, so it will not do any harm to tell you what I think. In the first place I would say your gifts are so unlike mine that I do not know whether my advice will be worth much to you or not. But I would prefer a District Secretaryship again to the Alaska scheme.

In the first place you are not as young as you were twenty years ago, I fear you have not the physical strength to endure for any length of time the trials of such a work. When it leads in the way of Washington and the lobby and I do not like that. Besides, you might spend much time in trying to get the scheme through Congress and fail. It would bury you alive in the Northwest from all your friends as effectively as though you went to South Africa as a missionary.

It seems to me that at your age your father and mother and your wife and children have claims (to say

nothing to the rest of us) which you ought to consider seriously before undertaking this untried experiment.

Then again your life work has been peculiar unique. I have felt for some years that you ought to put on record for the Glory of God and the information of posterity the account of the founding of our church in the Rocky Mountain region and the great Northwest..

The duties of the District Secretaryship would not prevent you from doing this. You have told me something of your plans, that you could find them for such work. I approved of them. Now has not the time come? The book on Alaska might be put through another edition, and two or three other books brought out in the next five years. Judging by the work and worry which Captain Pratt endures I do not think you would find it possible to do any work of a literary kind while organizing and conducting an Indian school in Alaska.

Again it would take you away from the church in the East where you are more acceptable than either of the Secretaries in presenting the cause of Home Missions. The Secretaryship would not prevent you taking tours through the whole country to stir up and direct the missionary spirit of our people. Again it would keep you nearer to the spiritual part of the ministry to which you are ordained. I am afraid of secularizing influence in the lobby and a Government appointment.

Perhaps, my dear boy, you will smile at this last idea and think I am an old fogey, but I confess it is a very serious element in the case to my mind. I can see the possibility of the Board themselves using it as an argument against you and adducing it as an evidence that they did well in dropping you out of their service.. But their mouths will be shut, if you are still connected with them and going on with the work which your life has hitherto been devoted.

If you should be spared to labor twenty years the whole of that time could be well spent in the great Northwest in the same work which has occupied you for the last twenty. I am very sure I should be thankful to see you go on steadily with it to the end.

It is very plain that the Board do not appreciate your work in connection with the paper. They will understand it better when they try it themselves. But if they think they can do it themselves let them try it. And you can return to the work of organizing churches and preaching to those without supply. You know exactly what that work is and exactly how to do it.

I should not break with the Board if I could help it.

I am inclined to think that the Secretaries are a little jealous of your general popularity with the church

as a platform speaker in the cause of Home Missions.

We are all wonderfully human and they would naturally be sensitive when they know you are more in demand as a speaker than they are. Well, make allowance for that as much as you can and tell them "if you can run the paper, all right and let me go back to the front"

They cant object to that..

Now my dear Brother I hope you will not be offended by this "Dutch Uncle" letter, I know there may be elements in the case that I do not understand, and I will not dogmatize. You must do as you think best with your light and sense of duty.. But my general advice would be, take the way the Lord opens to you and do not try to cut out a course for yourself.

I expect to take my vacation about the last of July and through the Month of August. I am to preach for Mr. Dana the 1st, 2nd Sabbath of August and for Dr. William M. Paxton the 3rd and 4th Sabbath of August.

I wish I could see you before that time. Cant you come down to see us?

We all join in love to you and Mary and the girls.

Your affectionate Brother,

George Norcross.

Edinboro, Pennsylvania,

June 5, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother:

In behalf of our Sunday School which raised \$12.00 Thanksgiving eve, 1882 for the Willard Missionaries in Alaska I have written this day to Mrs. H. E. Boyd, 23 Centre street, desiring the Board to divert the \$12.00 from the original object but use and apply it to the object for which it was raised. Giving also the opinion of the Sunday School as expressed in the letter. We are sorry to learn that the money has not been long used for said object.

Yours very respectfully,

R. C. Williams.

Pastor of Presbyterian Church.

Albany, N. Y.

June 9, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

New York, N. Y.

My dear Friend:

Your kind letter came to me a few days ago and I

Thank you most sincerely for the honor you desire to confer upon me in giving my name a place in the encyclopedia of persons that have been active in the Presbyterian church and in the Women's Missionary Societies.

While I appreciate this attention on your part I am sorry to say that my name could not appropriately be associated with those who have identified themselves with the Presbyterian church, as I have been a member of the Reformed Dutch Church for more than thirty years and the enterprise to which you kindly allude as those in which I have taken part, are a part of the work which I undertook merely as a servant of Christ without reference to denominational work.

At the age of thirteen I united with the First Presbyterian church of Utica under the pastoral care of Rev. Samuel C. Aiken and continued a member of the Presbyterian church until after my marriage in 1837 to Mr. E. T. Throop Martin of New York, when on the removal of my residence to the city of New York, I united by letter with the Reformed Dutch church in that city under the pastoral charge of Rev. Dr. Matthews and his colleague Rev. Maximus S. Hutton. On my return to Utica in 1841 I assisted in organizing the Westminster Presbyterian church or rather aided in founding it, but on the final removal of my residence to Willoughby, near Auburn, N. Y. I united by letter in 1852 with the Reformed Dutch church at the foot of Craneco Lake — which was the first church founded in Cayuga County and dates back to 1789.

It is now thirty one years since I became a member of this church. As my children married and went to the outposts of civilization, three of them being connected with the army, the spiritual wants of the peculiar population of New Mexico, Arizona and Colorado were brought to my knowledge and enlisted my Christian sympathies and I made efforts to draw the attention of the Presbyterian Church to this mission field. In 1868 the New Mexico, Arizona and Colorado Missionary Society was organized in the Bible house in the City of New York, Mrs. Graham cooperating with myself and Christian friends of several denominations in forming that society.

Soon after our organization the church property at Santa Fe was purchased and was deeded to the Society afterward known as the Ladies Board of Missions and its partial adoption by the Presbyterian church.

The Ladies Union Mission school association was formed in Albany for Christian work in the Army and Navy and destitute places in our own country; that society is now in active operation and I send you by this mail its last Annual report with regard to the "Morning Star" enterprise, the history of that enterprise is too voluminous for even an allusion. I would rather spend the

time it would take for a review of the steps which led to the sending out of our first Missionary ship, in making a plan for purchasing a small steamer to cruise about among the isolated islands of the Pacific Ocean, when no missionary-ship now sails upon the command of the great Captain of our salvation.

There is a promise that "The Isles shall wait upon the Lord for thy law" and there is now a loud call from the Pacific Coast for a missionary ship to ply in the waters where the Caroline and other adjacent Islands call for the Messengers of salvation.

I am very anxious my dear friend to speak with you on this subject and give you the facts now in my possession.

In the hope that you will come again to my home when you can conveniently do so I am always

Your sincere friend,

Cornelia W. Martin.

Albany, N. Y.
July 2, 1883.

Rev. Shelton Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

My dear friend:

You honor me too much in supposing me to be the author of the small certificate which proved such an efficient agent in enlisting the interest of the children in the first Missionary ship sent out from the United States. In January 1886, Miss Sarah Olmsted of Auburn sent me a letter from Rev Dr. Titus Coan of the Sandwich Islands, in which he expressed a request that a small vessel be sent out to ply among the islands of the Pacific Ocean etc. for Missionary purposes.

The matter took hold on my mind at once and I wrote to Rev. Dr. Wood on the subject. He was then resident secretary of the Board at New York. I enclose his reply to my letter. The subject was subsequently brought to the attention of the Board at Boston and I submitted to the Committee a plan which I had proposed for issuing medals at ten dollars each. A young lady a teacher in my family (Now Mrs. Buliffson of Bethany Institute, New York) suggested the trust as appropriate to the certificate "And He spoke to his disciples that a small ship should wait on Him". The other trusts we selected in our family and our young cousin Mr. Hatch had the first certificate made for us. You will see from the letter from Mr. Gordon that it was thought best to issue a small certificate with one of the trusts already selected upon it.

Mr. Ten Eyck of Catskill first suggested the five

and ten cent shares.

I send you a few of the letters which I have penned relating to the fitting out of the Morning Star. Dr. Coan suggested that the Missionary ship be named the Dog Star but the name Morning Star was proposed by the Committee.

A lady whose home is at Oakland, California has recently visited us and has given a very interesting account of her interview with the Gilbert Islanders, to whom she ministered at San Francisco. She desires very much that a steam yacht be purchased with its moorings at San. Francisco to ply among the Islands of the Pacific Ocean which have never been visited by any Missionary ship.

I enclose a description of the rescue of the Gilbert Islanders which appeared in the Sailors Magazine. When in New York in May I called at the office of the Seamen's Friend Society to see Dr. Hall, I wished to speak with him about a Missionary ship for the isolated places of human habitation in the Pacific Ocean.

If you can possibly call on Dr. Hall will you converse with him on the subject?

All the money necessary can be collected in five and ten cent contributions and if the Seamen's Friend Society should take the enterprise into its hands all the Sunday schools of nearly every christian denomination would contribute.

Let the ship be purchased and placed under the direction of the Seamen's Friend Society. "The Isles shall wait for his law" would be a sufficient name for undertaking the enterprise. Through the Secretary of the Navy no doubt a suitable vessel could be purchased and what excuse can we make for not sending "the Gospel to every creature"?

I have thought of consulting Commodore Luce of the Training Squadron now at Newport upon the subject. I do most earnestly pray that it may receive attention and that the Day Star may steam out of the Golden Gate of our western shore with the banner of love to all men and under the guidance of the Great Captain of Salvation.

Let us, dear Brother "leave the things which are behind and push forward" there is yet much land to be possessed and "Our days are swiftly passing by" Let us work to leave more than one missionary ship upon the waters here before we ourselves reach the shining shore.

Believe me always truly

Your friend,

Cornelia W. Martin.

My dear friend:

As I wrote you, I feel quite unworthy a place in your list of worthies, yet I am gratified for the kind consideration which has prompted you to ask the place and date of my birth and the name of my parents. I cannot refuse to comply with your request though in doing so I sacrifice what is dearer than the approbation of the public, my own self respect.

What I have been able to do in the service of our Dear Master I have done in the retirement of my home and I feel keenly all the imperfections of my work. May the dear Savior take the fly out of the ointment which I would pour upon his sacred head, and cleanse all my poor offerings in that fountain filled with blood wherein "lose all our guilty stains".

I was born at Utica, N. Y. December 25, 1818.

My parents were John and Eliza Williams.

My paternal grand parents and my father emigrated from Wales in 1800 and came to Utica. They were Welsh Presbyterians.

In 1832 I united with the Presbyterian church at Utica under the pastoral charge of Rev. A. C. Aikin.

Cornelia Williams Martin.

P. S. My mother and my Grandmother on both sides were members of the Presbyterian church and earnest christians. My maternal grandfather was Thomas Sickles.

June 4, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Many thanks for large roll of miscellaneous papers received some time since.

Very truly yours,

W. B. Fobe.

Haines, Alaska.

June 9, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Bro:

I have received your letter in which you speak of the mail route. I have written Dr. Corlies concerning it, having sent a letter by canoe some time ago, and have one ready for this steamer. Lieut. Schwatka has gone to the Interior leaving his wife at our house until the next

steamer. He is to do some government work on the Copper and Tannanah rivers returning here about October.

We have had a visit from Mr. Hill, from what he says he has the contract to put up the building for a Home. He says it is to cost \$600.00 and will be built in about two years. He takes the money that the Board furnish for the Home and hires work done on the Hydah saw mill, expecting to get the lumber from it.

He says the missions are to be on equal footing, the Homes the same.

He has given us a plan of the building, to be made of logs. There is no place for a school room.

He says he has time to put up a private saw mill and stay a month on the grounds (fishing and hunting, I suppose) until it is put up, but he says he has too many irons in the fire to consider a school house or place for a school at the upper village or to even visit the upper village. But I will say no more though I think much.

We are commencing to look like civilization up in this country and there will not be long before there is something big in the way of business. Mr. Bushnell who has charge of Mr. Kinzie's work here for the summer says if they are successful in their fishing there will be several canneries started next year, also saw mills.

There is a prospect that the mines will prove something in the interior which will make this the town.

Concerning the mail route. I do not think it would be advisable to take it up for another year as the mail steamer will visit this place nearly every month for the canneries.

I have built a boat house expect to receive word from the bank at Portland this month. I do not know whether I told you to let the boat money that was sent to the Board go or not, at any rate what you have will provide everything necessary.

I will receive by this steamer lumber to make a skiff for the Chilcat river. I do not yet know when I will get to build it, but can find some one, or make it myself.

The boat that I now have is worth from \$300.00 to \$400.00. I was offered \$300.00 for it last week.

Mrs. Willard has been suffering a good deal with the tooth ache for three or four weeks, otherwise we are comparatively comfortable though very busy.

I wish you would send the money for the article that Scribner has (provided you think best to sell it) here to Mrs. Willard, do not give it to the Board, nor mention the fact to the Board. Mrs. Willard desires to use it as she sees fit for herself. She forgot to mention the fact to you.

We are having beautiful weather, the sun shines nearly all the time, just enough wind to blow the mosquitoes away.

All unite in sending kindest regards to yourself and family.

Your Brother in Christ,
Eugen A. Willard.

Haines Alaska,
June 12, 1883.

My dear Mrs. Winsor:

Long ago I wished to write you and I could not and now a long time I ought to have written you and wished to do so, because my heart is so sick, because joy seems all gone out of my service, because I seem too weak to hold on to the one thought that I am serving Christ and not man. And that makes drudgery of even that, for which before I could not cease to give thanks to God.

No fear of savages, no isolation, no physical suffering, hunger or thirst had power to hurt us. But oh, our friends are breaking our hearts. I am discouraged, what I thought I never should be driven to say in this world. I go on with my work but I think I shall faint at every step.

June 13. The steamer is in and I cannot hastily tell you that we had a short visit from Mr. Hill, Synodical Missionary. From him we had our first word from the Board in regard to a Home.

He gave us to understand that good Dr. Jackson and Mrs. Haines were in disgrace with that body because they had done so much for Alaska. (on the other hand they have been blamed for not doing enough).

He also informed us that he was to build Homes at Chiloat, Wrangell and Hydah, those at the latter places were to be similar to those at Sitka, but ours was to be of logs to cost \$600. and to be of these dimensions (20 x 20; 20 x 40; 20 x 20) and that we must divide and partition the interior as we found necessary. There must be dormitories for both boys and girls, rooms for matron and teacher, store room, work room, sitting room, kitchen room, dining room and school room. He says that he regards every cent of money given for missions as a consecrated fund. So out of the more than \$4,000 given for a Chiloat Home in response to my call for help, we are to be allowed \$600. and that as a gift to build a house for the Board and he says when the work is done, we may send in a requisition to the Board for the money. We are also ordered to fence 640 acres of land for the mission without lumber or money. We told him we could do nothing without money in hand and insisted upon having it.

He and the Board entirely ignored the fact that any money has been sent for us or for the Home. Mr. Willard told him that even with a building as he proposed could not be put up in this country for that sum.

He said it could and should be done. We do not even have our salaries to work on. Miss Matthews has been out almost a year and has not received one penny, nor even a letter from the Board who claim her as a servant.

And we are expected to do this work and carry on the Home mission, in addition to our constant work with the people, teaching, preaching, travelling among the different villages each month, doing all our own house work etc. I with my feeble health and two babies while Mr. Hill, our help, makes his summer tour in a fine steamer playing cards and drinking for himself the name of whiskey burner. After each talk he generously left a check on his own account for \$100. to pay for \$224 lost. He will send us lumber after the other buildings are furnished from Hydah if they get the saw mill started. That will probably be next summer.

In the meantime the land which should be under cultivation is lying waste, the children are growing up to destruction. The country filling up with whites. Four of our best girls have gone to Juneau. They were aged only from 10 to 15 years. Their mother had begged me to take them. I asked Mr. Hill "why if the Board intended building a home they did not let us know" He answered "Simply because they wish to express their disapprobation of the way in which Alaska matters have been managed -- there has been much conventionalism which has caused a reaction in the church and has found expression in the Board. They receive every statement with regard to Alaska with suspicion" : : : He took ground which the miners themselves would not take, they all say it is true. He is so weak that when Missionaries for the sake of truth and right dare the notice of evil men and incur their anger, he tramps upon the a fonder barrier than them all, and loses their respect.

He has by his intercourse with his fellow passengers caused his profession to be a reproach to us all. I feel as though I could not go on. There are complications which I cannot make you understand.

I do not regain the strength which I had hoped for by a return to our own dear home -- a very serious heart trouble which has developed rapidly since my baby's birth from which I suffer constantly.

I shall never be well until I go to the long home where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest. And I am perhaps not to see the Home after all.

Well, the Lord's will be done, it will be love and wisdom.

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Most sincerely yours,
Carrie M. Willard.

Barrow, Alaska.
June 18, 1893.

My dear ones All:

The steamer (excursion and mail) will be along soon and I must have at least a little letter for you waiting.

One comes every month, now, is the cannery across the peninsula, but mails are rather unsatisfactory because after we get it there is no time to get replies off. When we hear, through some Indian coming across the trail, that the steamer is in, Eugene puts up the mail and rushes over in time to get it on board and to receive ours from the vessel. By the time he gets home, the steamer may be on her way South. Whatever freight there may be for us is left at the cannery on our side of the river and Eugene has a trip of 30 miles with the "Albatross" to get it.

The Pacific Coast Steamship Company has been very unfortunate this spring, first the old California, lately called the Huron, on which we came up from Port Townsend, was wrecked in Peril Straits. It was laden with lumber and other freight for our cannery, struck rocks and went down, though the crew was saved and the vessel with its lading has since been recovered by the divers.

Shortly after this accident another vessel called "The Grappler" sailed for Unalakleet with much freight and many miners. In the straits below Wrangell at night I believe it took fire. She was at once headed for shore but before they could reach it the tiller ropes were burned and the great ship was at the mercy of the wild waves and a whirling current. Every soul went down -- and only two or three were cast ashore I believe to tell the tale.

Of those lost were 30 Chinamen for Cape Fox cannery I think 60 miners and the crew. Many were burned alive in the hold, as, in the beginning of the fire the hatchways were shut down from above to stop the draft. It was fearful.

We have now two towns in white tents. The canneries employ several hundred white men and most of our people are over there. Though Passie continues her school and on Sabbath the services are well attended, the people come over for them.

We are so thankful that Christian men own and control the Cannery on our side of the river. Rev. Mr. Buchanan of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church is superintendent. Bush-

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it for the proprietor who is his cousin. Mr. Bushnell is here for a vacation and rest as he has had a severe illness. His oldest son, a bright boy of about Clare's age is with him for the summer, they come over to church.

They intend establishing a store also and perhaps through the winter it will be kept in the upper village by Louis Paul our teacher, he is acting interpreter for this Company now and Tillie his wife is carrying on the school alone until next month when we expect her down.

We had intended having no vacation for the school here but as we are rather cramped for room in our little house and Tillie is in our care for a while, we are going to far the little school house up for the bed room. Where we can keep her quiet and yet see her at any time, for you know it is but a few yards from the door.

We have been obliged to take two other children into our family -- a boy, Ned, of 13 whose mother died when he was a baby, he is to be chief of the Ravens, to succeed Clanot and Don-a-wak, a real rollicking, mischievous boy. His father who idolizes his only child has begged us ever since we came to Chilcat first to take Ned and make him a good man.

You never saw a man so delighted when we did take him after our return from Sitka. Almost every time he comes into the house it is with expressions of gratitude that at last his boy is to be a good and wise man. He says "a long time his heart was sick but now all time glad because of Ned".

Then the girl Anne is 16. Her mother died when she was a baby and her father, old, childish and almost blind took for his second wife the daughter of a former husband of his first wife, so Anne's stepmother is her half sister. She came to us a year ago last winter and with tears asked us to take her in, saying that she wanted so much to be good and that in an Indian house she could not be, that when she would try to pray before going to sleep her sister and stepmother would poke her up saying that she knew she was only asking God to kill her etc. It was impossible for us to take her at that time and as I counselled her to be patient, that perhaps God meant her to lead her people to Him, and that after awhile He would open the way to a different life for her.

She was afterwards tempted to lead an evil life, being told when the miners came she was a great fool for going to school and studying when she might make money so easily. Her reply was that she had learned too much of God's good word to willingly do wrong now. This spring when her people went to the white encampments she did not want to go but she did not then ask us again to take her.

But after a few days she came back saying that she

had seen so much evil that she was afraid. She wanted to be good, wouldn't we let her stay with us. Of course we could not refuse. She and Fanny have one end of our spare room. I will just tell you that although we have had complaints from several Societies who say they have been supporting children at \$100. per annum for 2 years in our Home and think might expect to hear something of the children, we are not allowed anything for them until the Home is built, when that will be I do not know, we have had a most insulting visit from Rev. R. W. Hill Synodical Missionary who informed us that we were to put up a house for \$600. and when the work was done we could send a requisition to the Board for that amount.

They are also to erect buildings (similar to the large, fine one at Sitka) at both Wrangell and Hydah.

If they get the Hydah saw mill to running, after the lumber was furnished for the two large buildings at Hydah and Wrangell they would send us some for our little one.

We are also ordered to fence in (without money) 640 acres of land for the mission, this in addition to constant and arduous work among the villages while the other missionaries are having vacation.

Bessie has had neither a letter nor a penny from the Board since coming out last September and we left Sitka in debt and had to use the \$100. you so kindly sent us to help pay our way home on the steamer.

But I will not distress you with these things. We have a beautiful home, plenty to do and plenty to eat. The richest ore yet found in Alaska is reported to have been found on our side the mountains. Just up the inlet a little ways. They say Haines is to be the place and farms and lots are already staked off.

I should have told you that Mr. Hill gave us to understand that Dr. Jackson and Mrs. Haines were in disgrace with the Board on account of their interest in Alaska and that their (the Board's) course in regard to our Mission was intended as a punishment to me and as an expression of the Board's disapprobation of sensationalism.

The sensations so far as I am concerned have been of their own getting up, much to my past and present sorrow. You may expect to see some more of them in the "Evangelist" relating to "The Land of the Sundown sea" by Rev. R. W. H. at \$10.00 per column.

I am so thankful that you are getting straightened up some in business matters, and I do hope and pray that the rest of your dear lives may be full of rest and peace.

What do Crawford and Monie call the dear little new baby? How I should love to see it and all the rest of your dear, precious faces. I wonder if I ever shall see in this world? The longing often comes over me with

shining intensity, but may God's good will be done, it will be well, it will be best, it will be love.

Perhaps I ought to tell you that very often lately I feel as though my work was almost done. For a good while before Fred was born I suffered greatly with affections of the heart, at his birth it was strained, the valve injured. When the word came about dear little Addie it almost took my life, though I do thank God that she is safely home. I have suffered almost constantly since then, as many things have happened and lately it is a good deal worse. You must not be troubled, we none of us know when the end maybe and at longest it can only be a little while for us all. I only tell you of this, lest sometime there might be sudden shock.

Since these latter events and my failing strength I should, I think, try to take my little ones home to the dear old rest, but it does not seem possible.

This seems particularly our work and Eugene is particularly fitted for the people -- the people love and confide in us and it is a critical time in their history and in that of this country. The Indians scarcely know when they are themselves but trusting us as they come and say "You are our father and mother, you must tell us what to do with the white men" "You must lead us like your children".

It would require years for another man to gain the same place with them and knowledge of them now, and how could Eugene stay without me? At the same time I scarcely know how to get on with my work, but God will guide us.

We do not yet know whether Father Willard can come this summer or not. Marale is to be married next month and he cannot leave until after that event at any rate.

The little ones are well. Fred is doing excellently on his new food of oat meal, gramma and condensed milk gruel. He loves potatoes as well as his Papa does. I got out the little baby pictures of myself today and was surprised to find how very much like Fritz it is. His hair is golden and so curly that he cries sometimes when I brush it out.

And now, dear, dear ones all, I must tell you good-bye and bid night most tenderly and lovingly from your children all in Alaska.

Carrie Willard.

Allegheny, Pa.

June 14, 1883.

Rev. Dr. Jackson.

My dear Sir:

I ought perhaps to tell you that I am in possession

of your letter to Mrs. White of May 22 and that I am using my efforts to urge the Board and Executive Committee to hurry on the entire \$1,000 collected for that Willard boat.

I told Dr. Roberts I had the letter from you but had not written to you or consulted you that you might in no way be embarrassed by my conduct. Still, I feel now that you ought to know I am pushing the matter with what success remains to be seen. But I am sure I better not write more to you at present, but I shall only hope that all my work will be right for the comfort of our far off friends.

Very truly yours,
Kate P. Bryan.

Fort Wrangel, Alaska.
June 14, 1893.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother:

Your short note of May 13th is received. Now you are all home again from the Assembly and we don't even know who the Moderator was yet. Of course you have seen Mr. Young before this time. I am anxious to hear from you again soon. There are many things I want to hear about.

Some things I feel considerably troubled about, but hope all things will come out all right.

These changes may be all for the best when they get into running order, but it is going to be hard getting it all started. I trouble when I think about the changes about the Boys Home and must say I am sorry in many respects.

Mr. Hill was here such a short time that we did not hear much from him. But he will be back before long now.

These blank lists are going to save me a great deal of trouble after we once get rightly into it, but I do not feel particularly happy over the prospect of our Home not being ready to go into before next summer.

I cannot tell you how much I dread staying in this house through the winter. It will be dreadfully trying. It will be a great relief to us if we can get these additional buildings you speak of. But could you have gotten the carpenter shop to?

When will there be any official notice of this thing? Mr. Lear told me he had received a letter by the May steamer from his lawyer saying his claim was all right and that the matter would now be finally settled.

I depend on you to write me confidentially all about everything -- changes of all kinds etc.

There was no excursion this steamer as was expected.

Neither did Mr. Mackenzie and family of San Francisco as Mr. Young had arranged for them to do. We were much disappointed not to receive any boxes by this steamer. It seems to take them a long time to reach us.

Dr. and Mrs. McFarland have gone to housekeeping across the garrison where the Vanderbilts used to live. We were so crowded it seemed better that they should do so.

Love to Mrs. Jackson and the girls.

Yours sincerely,

A. R. McFarland.

Philadelphia, Pa.

June 15, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

New York, N. Y.

My dear Brother:

We will publish "Life in Alaska" (I drop "mission" from the title on the MMS.) with pleasure, knowing it adapted to awaken interest in mission work and to do good.

Should something be paid to Mrs. E. S. McIntock for labor in putting the letters in shape for publication?

Yours,

John W. Dulles.

Sitka, Alaska.

June 16, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother:

Your letter came yesterday and contents noted.

Brother Hill called on us some ten days ago, came by the Victoria (extra steamer) and staid only an hour or so, went through the building etc. etc. He may come this way on the next steamer if he can reach Wrangell in time. Left me some blank requisitions to fill out for supplies, requesting me to send duplicates to him, one for the Board and one for himself.

If I remember rightly, I enclosed a package of pictures to you in postboard, Miss Linnie paid for one lot of material, the last bill she sent to Mrs. Haines.

Mr. Downing, the purser reports that there will be a crowd next steamer. Am sorry that the boys will not get their uniform suits until the day after the fair.

Have part of the grading done in the rear of the house. Would have it finished in front but had to give up our wheelbarrows to coal the ship.

Have over two hundred feet of the picket fence up in front of the house. Will have to wait now until we can get logs and have lumber sawed, and scantling to go on top of the posts.

Have made a wide walk from front door to the road and filled it with gravel from the beach, plank on the sides.

Have built two outhouses in the woods back of the house. Will build another for the boys on the other side of the Davis road.

Have filled out requisitions for supplies etc. Have made very little allowance for new pupils in it should we take them, so I hope the Board will see the need of filling it as it stands. They must be sure to provide money for paying freight.

We have twenty Russian children attending school with a prospect of more after vacation.

If the weather permits we shall paint the front and ends of the house before the steamer comes again.

I have to teach in the school from 9 A. M. until 12 1/2 P. M. as it is impossible for Linnie to get through with all the classes and do them justice.

Mrs. Austin has curtains in the school room and dormitories and the beds in nice order. We have seven girls and she has been making overalls for the boys at present. There seems to be no end to the work, but if we live another month we will make some things shine around the Home.

With much love to all our friends at -23- from all the Missionaries at "Sheldon Jackson Institute". I close and remain

Your brother in christian bonds,
A. E. Austin.

Sitka, Alaska.

June 15, 1883.

Rev. Dr. Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Jackson:

Yours of May 13th to hand yesterday. I am saving baskets for Princeton. It will be autumn before I can send you any sort of collection though now I have stowed away two bread boxes full. Please go to Tribune office and subscribe for the Weekly for me for the length of time it will require to obtain Webster's Unabridged as a premium. Pay the extra dollar and let it come to me by mail. Send me the amount and when we settle for the baskets it will be made square.

Mrs. Willard I hear, is in very delicate health and

Miss Matthews has all the work to do. Very few natives there.

These people are too delicate in health for the hardships of that station. They have not the physical strength to carry on the work. Saw Hill about 10 minutes only when he passed through on Victoria. I am sorry that the Board does not turn the whole Alaska work over to you and let you manage it.

Love and jealousy should not be encouraged from any quarter. I am alone in the store. The Rose is off on a fishing trip to Shale Bay. Salmon not running yet.

Miners are turning their faces towards Yukutat and Copper River. Lieut. Sommers crossed and is now hurrying down Yukon. His wife staid a few days with the Willards and returns on Lake. No excursionists this boat, next big party. Murdock up and on her way to San Francisco. Adams put on five miners at Yukutat. All well at Sitka. Corwin left yesterday 2 P. M. for westward and arctic.

I am thinking seriously of leaving here within a year. Will see how affairs shape themselves in next few months.

Sincerely yours,
J. G. Brady.

Fort Wrangell, Alaska.
June 18, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Bro:

Glad indeed was I to receive the check \$12.00

Much obliged I was needing the money badly. We send by this mail our last quarterly reports for the year ending June 1st. Would you please see that the checks are sent promptly. Have no recommended I would like 6 blanks sent as I have been obliged to borrow.

We were surprised and glad to see Mr. Hill but we had little talk with him as the boat came in the night, remained for a short time.

We wished it had been you for we feel so much better acquainted with you.

Allow me to congratulate you on the 25th anniversary of your wedding day. "Love's best wishes for the happy occasion". Its too bad we live so far away that all our greetings must be sent after all is over.

We have gone to housekeeping. I waked up one morning, like Mrs. Kendall and concluded to make a change. The crowded house and the patter of so many feet on the bare floors was not very good for neuralgia. Besides we had no place to meet the Indians. You remember your old room

We were in it and Miss Rankin occupies where Dr. and Mrs. Kendall were, so it was going out and coming in, and we got tired of it, as Dr. had to have an office, I would go with him and I know we can rent and keep house as cheap as we can board.

Mr. Young's old house opposite was the only one vacant so we rent it. We feel like a newly married couple around our little table. Would be glad to have Mrs. Jackson and you visit us. Most all of our furniture is borrowed but we can add a little more of the same kind if you honor us with a visit.

I will welcome our vacation. Will close with an examination last of the month. Tell Mrs. Jackson I am going to write her one of the days have something new to tell her.

The white men have told the Indians that Mr. Young is not coming back and they are very much excited. Well we "will see what we will see" as Dr. Kendall used to say.

Love to Mrs. Jackson and the children.

Yours as ever,

Maggie L. McFarland.

P. S. Dr. joins me in love to you.

New Castle, Pa.

June 13, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother:

Your welcome letter was received today. It was a relief to know the trouble seems to be over. After receipt of your letter in reference to the difficulty of getting the money, I wrote to Ebenezer and Hornmouth and saw Mr. Erwin pastor of the Pulaski church, all of whom I believe wrote to the Board. Fearing I might again involve you in trouble I asked them to mention no names.

I received a copy of the letter written by one Boyce to Ebenezer, in Mrs. Boyce's name, which gave no satisfaction but had a very unkind ring and asked to be informed "we had given them the information and that the cause of misdeeds would be promoted by letting them know". I presume they were not informed.

Your letters and all of the others were sent to Mrs. Bryan and she has made good use of them. In reference to the book, would say after receiving your request to aid in securing its publication I spoke to Mrs. Colkins and wrote to several others asking them to send on their opinion and wishes in regard to it, which no doubt was done. In conversation with other since, I have been led to believe it

will be a success.

From a letter received a short time since by my son from his sister, Mrs. Willard, we learned they were encountering new trials and it did seem providential they had obtained a boat and could be independent. Will order the letter be sent to you.

Mrs. Rev. Clintock wishes me to say she regrets very much the loss of your visit, and would be very glad to see you in her father's home, in which we heartily join with her.

We have had (last week) a very interesting Presbyterian Missionary meeting. Great interest was manifested in Home Missions, Alaska having a good share. The President had requested me to prepare a paper on Medical Missions after the reading of which a vote was passed to raise money in this Presbytery to educate a female physician, which no doubt will be undertaken when the candidate is forthcoming.

Yours in christian love,

Adeline White.

P. S. The letter returned today, so enclose.

Allegheny, Pa.

June 19, 1883.

Rev. Dr. Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your last. It relieved my mind as from something Mrs. White said I feared I had done wrong to mention your name. And yet I could not honestly do anything else.

But I write now to say that the Rev. Mr. Weeks of San Juan has just been here and says they have beautiful little steam launches at Vancouver and Puget Sound that a boy can manage for \$500. He was one on the Hudson lately for that price.

Had you not better look into this? Mr. Weeks says they easily hold 10 or 12 people. Do see about it. Mr. Weeks says they can be bought out there. The fuel is a very small item.

Perhaps it's too late but it is well to know.

Mr. Weeks is very interesting and we hope to have him tell his story at our meeting Thursday.

Yours very truly,

Kate P. Bryan.

P. S. Will you send me a map of Alaska -- Puget sound etc. and its coast.

Will you also have sent me a paper-bound copy of "For. Miss. Rep". I have Home Rep. Let them mark price and I will remit you for copy and Reports.

Zuni, New Mexico.
June 20, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Dear friend and Brother:

Zuni was visited a few days ago by a representative of a paper called the Field.

He called upon me after school was dismissed in the evening made a few inquiries and requested to see our charts etc. which I showed him. Altogether he spent about ten minutes with me. He did not see the school at all. I afterwards learned from Mr. Cushing with whom he stopped, that he came to Zuni full of prejudice, breathing out denunciations against the school here and in the other pueblos.

He seems to have come under instructions to make special examination of the schools and from what little I heard I infer that his object is to have the schools taken from the Presbyterians and entirely secularized. With me, he found fault only with our lack of objects, pictures and such books as would be helpful, and as he considered essential to the successful teaching of such schools.

Whatever his aim is, I think it embraces an overturning of the present arrangement between the Board and the Government, and the employment of new teachers. You will probably see his article on the paper and have better means of judging than I have. I take him to be an infidel, a secularist. Should he turn out to be a Catholic you can judge what his object is.

Our new agent was here a few weeks ago. He can talk but little English and brought an interpreter. He is a man of some power. He professed great friendship to the school, urged the Indians to patronize it, told them in council that it was only for secular instruction, and I knew not what all, for it was only partly interpreted into English.

He told us on parting that he thought we had done as well as could have been done under the circumstances, that he would so report to Department, and that he would do what he could further for the interests of the school.

A straw or two since seems to indicate a slight change in the wind.

The \$50. sent from Rochester through New York has not reached us.

I have not yet completed arrangements for repairing or rebuilding the Mission house. Can get a mason from Albuquerque, but at high wages. Am expecting word soon from another at St. Johns, Arizona. I think we can have the building ready to occupy this fall.

Whether repaired where it stands or rebuilt on a new site it will be necessary to level down the sand bank that

has accumulated on the west. If this is done and a wire fence used, I think it will not pile up again, but with a close fence it would soon be as bad as ever. So also if the bank is not leveled down. We had about two months of terrible sand storms this spring and the pile was considerably increased.

The school is not quite so full this month as usual. Will probably average 25 to 30.

Although we cannot count great things this year, yet when I compare the condition of the school now with what it was at the beginning of the year, I see a wide difference and grounds for encouragement. I think things will be in good shape for accomplishing much more next year. Our work has been slow and amid many discouragements but I trust there is a future harvest here for some one to reap. And yet I somehow feel that the enemy is plotting against us, and that it will require an effort to hold these people.

Oh, for more faith and love, and zeal and wisdom.

Your fellow laborer in the Gospel,
James H. Willson.

Jackson, Alaska.
June 22, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Rev. & Dear Sir:

Your very kind letters of April 13th and 19th were brought by Rev. Hill. I have engaged a man to carry in July with a promise for the year but as none of them stick I will have trouble enough especially when the rough weather comes I will do my best and may thank for your liberality, will find some way through.

I have been notified that two leather pouches have been forwarded for our use, we have keys. Klawack is not much interested as they have schooner every six weeks to San Francisco during the business season. I will be glad to keep you posted and have no fears that you will be allowed to forfeit for any failures.

April steamer brought a bill of lumber, it was too late to do much toward the completion of our house as we found we must have some place of our own and had already delayed too long. We used poles for frame and shakes for siding and roof. Your flooring came in well for floor and ceiling. So far as completed we have a 22 x 22 house in which we can be fairly comfortable for the present and the lumber still in hand is no drag. I had proposed to go on erecting a larger front for dwelling using the lower story for school and church purposes until we could arrange otherwise for them; as it is an imperative necessity that

we get out of the native house, because it was a waste of time to try in it and because some day they will go there no more. The owner is as kind as ever and would do anything I might ask especially if I told him "Mr. Jackson said so" "Jim Bailey" one of our principal men, whom you may remember died in April. We gave very satisfactory evidence of a preparation for his change.

Rev. Hall and Mr. McClellan arrived June 11th. The people gave them a welcome and invited their receipt gratis which is an improvement on last September, but I know them better than I did then. Work has begun on the mill at which we are very glad.

Their coming suspends my building project beyond the little house we are in, until the mill is in operation and some other wants supplied. We were not able to give them as much time as we did at, many people were there but continuous winds made an unfavorable fur sealing season, and prices were low so our people feel poor. They can make it up in part by work on the mill and also for Mr. Zeff, Mr. Kump's customer. Sawmill business is also increased by the operation of a lumbering mill.

I am in doubt as to how much I should report to the Board as I may write more than will be read, if any of it is, or more than would interest if read.

There has been such a constant demand on my time that I have made very little progress in primary book preparation and have by no means made the advancement in re-arranging the lessons I promised myself I would in one year. Perhaps by and by I will do less manual labor.

We have people enough here always, this summer to justify in keeping up the regular services and sometimes several nights through the week when people come in to trade or large numbers gather preparatory to starting for new hunting or fishing grounds. Wish I could send you a salmon or a venison for your table once in a while.

Many thanks for the pains you take to write us.

All join in love and thanks.

Please remember me kindly to Mrs. Jackson.

The Lord Bless you.

Fraternally,

J. Leomin Gould.

Washington, D. C.

June 23, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother:

The young Ladies Society of our church called "earnest Workers", have asked me to send a contribution to Mrs. Hall

in New Mexico. Will you kindly give her P. O. address and also say whether she can really get a draft cashed on New York.

The Young Ladies have also appropriated \$30. to buy books and stationery for a young man's school up in Alaska. (The name I will give you after I get home)

They wish me to ask you whether it will be best to send him a draft, or whether it will be better to send it to you for the purchase of the articles in New York to be forwarded to him. If the latter, what will be the cost of sending? They desire to be sure, as to have the money in the best good. Hope yourself and family are well and that the cause of Home Missions is prospering as never before.

Our boy has got through at Princeton and is up in Saratoga County for the warm season.

Mrs. Sweetser joins me in kindest regards to yourself and family.

Sincerely,

J. T. Sweetser.

P. S. The young missionary referred to is Louis Paul of upper Chile.

Saratoga, N. Y.
June 25, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Our Mission Board desire to send the enclosed amount to Sitka, Alaska to assist them in furnishing their new Home. Ninety five dollars of this sum we have just made at a festival we held ten days ago in the grove which adjoins the church. Five dollars of this sum is a contribution from a friend in Orange and the other five dollars comes from our weekly dues of two cents which each of the members pay.

Will you kindly see that this money is appropriated for the purpose above mentioned and oblige

Yours very truly,

Mrs. John S. Porter.

Jackson, Alaska.
July 2, 1883.

Dear Brethren:

Feeling it sometimes better to speak after the "winter

of our discontent" permission is asked for a word of gratitude to those who have been the way through which some of our prayers have been answered and who are giving us the means to make for Nydia Mission a good beginning. In the midst of perplexity we see things clearly.

Rev. H. W. Hill is here for the purpose of putting in operation the saw mill brought last year. It will be in many ways a strong helper.

We smiled, all, to read from a good brother in Missouri the trial of being five miles from the post office with a weekly mail. We are a little less than two hundred and fifty miles from our post office and have waited three months for mails, securing them at cost of such trouble and \$20. or \$30. Now, thanks to Dr. Jackson, we have post office at Jackson with hope of monthly mail to come.

Accept these as tokens of better days and the statement as expressions of thanks from the

Missionaries at Nydia Mission.

Asbury Park, N. J.
July 3, 1883.

Dr. Sheldon Jackson,
Beloved friend:

It gave me great pleasure to revive in your breast the memory of my dear husband who entertained for you a very sincere friendship.

It is again very gratifying to me to aid you a little in your good work in Alaska by enclosing a check for eight dollars and fifty cents, the proceeds of a collection taken up in the parlor of "Sea Rest" Sabbath evening after the return of some half a dozen ladies and myself from listening with interest and sympathy to your account of the missions in Alaska. We send this little offering with our prayers and our sympathy.

Respectfully,
Kara A. Gest.

P. S. My best wishes to Miss Faisy and Miss Bessie. I called at the "Curler Home" but a few minutes after you left and was disappointed that I could not hand the money to you personally and tell you how deeply interested we were in your Sabbath evening discourse.

K. A. G.

Philadelphia, Pa.
July 3, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.
My dear Brother:

We shall want to put a space of three or four months

between the Alaska books. Hence I shall not begin and
stereotype the second for a month or so.

We will send proofs to you as you request.

Yours sincerely,

John W. Dulles.

Leadville, Colorado.

July 3, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Jackson:

At our monthly meeting of Session last evening we
decided to commemorate our 5th Anniversary with appropriate
exercises.

August 4th (Sunday) 1878 -- Rev. Father L. Hamilton
and Rev. H. L. Janeway organized this church.

On Sunday August 5th this year we hope to celebrate
our 5th anniversary.

Now it is the desire of all and as instructed by
our Session, I write to have you present on that occasion,
if possible any way.

I have just written Brother Janeway, Willamstown,
N. J. urging him to be with us also. Can you not bring him
with you? Hope he can be "passed" to the Rocky Mountains.

5 years in Leadville equal 25 to 40 years in the quiet East.

Five of the 12 charter members on the ground yet.
Over 200 on our roll -- but 153 reported to General Assembly
this year.

Just returned last week from the East. As very
busy. Kindest to you and yours. Let me hear from you and
oblige.

I have had privilege of being here two years of the
five years as pastor.

Hoping you will give us an affirmative reply, I am

Yours fraternally,

F. J. Stanley.

Lock Box 530.

Bryn Mawr, Pa.

July 4, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Doctor:

I must apologise for not having written sooner to
thank you for your missionary sermons to my people a month
ago. They were so effective that some have said they were
glad I was not here, as I could, in that case, certainly pass
as a missionary to Alaska.

Really many of the people seem to have been very

deeply impressed and even of those not zealous in missionary work.

I am very sorry I was not here and that there was such an unfortunate hitch about the collection. The fact is, I never anticipated the possibility of not being here with you, until I was so far out by the rising of the river.

I had written here with regard to the collection but my letter was too late in the arrival. As I find that not even your traveling expenses were paid, through similar misunderstanding, I send you the ordinary sum given to our pulpit supplies, which should have been handed to you at the time. Won't you please forgive all our faults and failures towards you, and not harbor against us such a spirit as would prevent your coming to us again.

I love the Indians more than ever.

Ever sincerely yours,

W. K. Miller.

Haines, Alaska.

July 4, 1883.

Dr. Sheldon Jackson,

New York, N. Y.

Dear friend:

I did not care to write you till I should reach my own home and work, and I have put it off from one month to another, as it seemed that either Mr. or Mrs. Willard were writing to you and I thought we would not all write at once.

I did not know that they prepared anything beyond the same items which you had, only with the addition of my fare to this place from Sitka but I will try to fix and send the account. I did not intend to put in an extra luggage bill from Turisat to Fort Townsend but concluded to do so and let them throw it out if they choose. I did not put in the meals.

Now what bothers me is the money you gave me to get the carpet. You remember you gave me forty dollars in San Francisco. Does that go into the itemized account of my expenses? I do not know what my fare was from Nonsuch to Council Bluffs or Omaha, but I will leave a place for that item and send it to Johnnie, my brother, he got my ticket, and he can find out and fill it in and then send it on. I do not know that it will be at all satisfactory, but I will do the best I can. I am very glad of the \$200. but wish they had made it fifty more, as that is just the amount I am owing Mr. Austin. We all lived as one family and our average man's bill was \$24. per month and I was obliged to leave it unpaid when I found I did not receive any from the Board.

I wrote to my brother to send me some, but I had not then asked Mr. Austin what it would be and I could not tell

him how much to send, so he wrote asking how much to send, but I knew it would be too late by the time he could send it then and wrote him not to send it.

I do not address the Board at all, and their treatment of you, only adds another reason to the list of dislikes. Of course their action, or rather non-action, in regard to the Home is another.

This spring and summer work will amount to very little for there are so few children here, most of them having gone over to the canneries with their parents.

I can not say that I do not like up new home, but I am not so hopeful as I was when I came, but perhaps the people will come back in the winter. It seems too bad. Here I am ready to teach them and they are all scattered, learning nothing, or worse than nothing.

I do not know whether I am glad that the canneries came, though perhaps it may be for the good of the country eventually.

Our pastor wrote to me for a plan of the home, number and size of the rooms etc. I think there was something to be done by our church. They have got into the way of working now and he thinks they will take hold of it well.

I thank you for your kindness and interest.

Sincerely yours,

Bessie L. Matthews.

Philadelphia, Pa.

July 5, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Our school has appropriated \$100. for your school work in Alaska. Where shall I send it?

I am informed you are in New York.

Yours,

F. G. Gayler.

Scranton, Pa.

July 5, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother:

Yours was duly received. Pardon delay in answering.

After receipt of your letter I wrote to Monmouth and Edenboro and forwarded replies to Mrs. Bryan together with a copy received by the minister in Edenboro from Mr. Boyd, in reply to his request. Expecting Mrs. Bryan to return them

and wishing to forward to you I have delayed writing. She had forwarded to others where she hoped they would do good.

We received on the 4th letters from our children which have made our hearts sad. When I learned that Rev. Hill had gone to Alaska (after reading his letters last summer) I hoped all would be well. But these letters have changed, not only our expectations but also our respect for the man.

Yesterday I visited Mrs. Bryan for the purpose of laying before her the whole matter, and found her ready to do her utmost to secure the rights of those who have been so cruelly wronged. As you have no doubt been informed in reference to it, I will not waste your time or my own by writing. If the Board persists in pursuing such a course as we have reason to complain of, I fear they will greatly cut off their receipts, as well as lessen the confidence of the people in themselves.

Almost \$3,000 have been placed in the Board for the Carlisle Home and Mrs. Haines and Mrs. Bryan write that \$1,000 has gone by Mr. Hill, yet he confines them to \$400, and that to be paid when the Home is completed.

Daughter's health is critical on account of heart trouble which must be greatly aggravated by their disappointment and vexations.

Hoping you will pardon me for troubling you, I remain as ever

Yours truly,

A. White.

P. S. Since writing the foregoing a letter has been received from a minister's wife saying "I am just too indignant at the way the Board of Home Missions is treating Mr. and Mrs. Willard. I have just paid into the Board \$175, and how provoked I am to think not one dollar has been appropriated yet to the subject it was given for".

She knew (as also did the Board) that they had the support of an Indian child to bet. This is only an extract but will show how the course is regarded.

A. W.

New York, N. Y.
July 7, 1888.

To Hon. H. Price,
Comptroller of Indian Affairs.
Hon. and Dear Sir:

Now that the success of the Experiments at Carlisle & Hampton have demonstrated the wisdom of Industrial Training schools for Indian Children.

And now that there is a growing public sentiment to sustain the Government in increasing their number, as was

done last session at Arden City, Oregon and Lawrence, the time seems to have come when one should be located at Sitka, Alaska.

1st. Alaska is a country in itself. Between it and other portions of the United States intervenes 750 miles of British territory.

From Sitka to Forest Grove is 1500 miles by steamer and from the Aleutian Isles to Forest Grove by present routes of travel over 2500 miles and that by only an occasional trading vessel at irregular intervals.

2nd. As the resources and character of Alaska are different from Oregon, so the training needed to fit the people for self support is different from that received at Forest Grove. Forest Grove is an inland town in an agricultural district. On the other hand Alaska has but few agricultural interests, the main support of her people being in her wonderful fish and lumber interests. Their training school needs to be on the coast where they can be taught navigation and seamanship, the handling of boats and sails, improved methods of fishing and handling of fish nets, a workshop with the manufacture of barrels and casks in which to pack their fish, a saw mill, carpenter shop, boat and sail shop etc.

3rd. Such a location is Sitka. It is central to the population of Southern Alaska, healthful and easy of access. It is the capital of the American, as it was formerly of the Russian province. It was the centre of Russian operations, the headquarters of their pacific fleet; their ship yard, the residence of their Greek bishop and the centre of their educational operations.

They had there, three schools, a seminary with a rank of colleges and a theological school for the training of Greek priests.

4th. Sitka is the natural centre of the largest population and has several substantial school buildings for the accommodation of 100 pupils. There will be increased next spring to a capacity of from 150 to 200 pupils with the necessary work shops and machinery.

5th. Such a school will be the commencement of a better day for the long neglected people of Alaska.

As it is known throughout the Country that they are worse off educationally under the control of the United States than when they were under Russian control the United States failing to continue the schools established by Russia, there is a combined feeling of shame and a determination to agitate until something is done. The friends of education are taking it up and will bring a strong pressure to bear in Congress. It will be a popular, patriotic and humane act for your Department to send this movement and recommend action to Congress.

6th. It is a fulfillment of the old adage "An ounce of prevention etc. etc." It is not only something the Government should have done years ago as a matter of right but which now in the advance immigration to that distant region, becomes a question of peace or war -- a question whether the native population should be left as in the past in other sections under the encroachments of the incoming whites to produce a new crop of costly and bloody wars, or whether they shall be so educated, that they will become absorbed into our American citizenship.

7th. For the \$167. a pupil, which you offered last season for industrial schools, we will take next season (July 1884) 150 Indian boys and girls at Sitka and give the boys under competent teachers instructions in navigation and seamanship, improved methods of fishing and preparing fish for market, improved methods of preparing fish oil, cooper shop with the manufacture of barrels and casks, saw mill, carpenter shop with simple house building and furniture making, boot and shoe making, also the care and raising of cattle. The girls will be taught sewing, cooking, housekeeping etc. etc.

To set this movement going, please insert in your coming "estimates" the paragraph:

"For the support and education of 150 Indian children at the Industrial Training school at Sitka, Alaska, the sum of \$25,000.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Yours truly,

Sheldon Jackson.

Haines Alaska.

July 10, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother:

I have received your letter containing the checks for boat for Mrs. Willard, Louis and Tillie.

The mail was brought from Juneau by the S. W. trailing Company launch the postmaster did not put it on the large mail steamer.

I am intended giving you a full description of Mr. Hills visit to Alaska but concluded I had better keep still but since receiving your letter (and this Mission at Haines wouldn't take anything and part with your letters) I will open my mouth a little. I will not speak of the talk about him by outside ladies and gentlemen but confine myself to the Home building.

Enclosed is his plan which he says is the sort of

building that is to be put up here. He said that he had the authority to put up the building and the money has been given him by the Board. He said concerning the inside arrangements that we could fix that to suit ourselves whereupon Mrs. Willard said she was done with it and would have nothing to do with it. I said nothing as he said that he had the authority. I thought he would go ahead and when he stops doing, then the work stops. It is 'nt my fish.

He left a check for \$155.00 I said I would buy him logs and land them on the beach above high water piling them loosely so they would 'nt rot. He read what he called the latest fulmination concerning the concentration of Alaska missions at Wrangle, Sitka, Jackson and Haines (Please let me know if it is possible for me to get a copy of the same)

I asked Mr. Hill how much he intended to put the building up for. He said \$600.00

We asked him where the school room was to be, and he looked over his little plan a while and said we could use the dining room.

Whereupon he changed the subject and after discoursing awhile on the way money had been spent in Alaska and the sensationalism connected with Alaska matters, the author of "The Land of the Sundown sea" took his departure.

I have now concluded (after reading your letter) to write to the Board and find out if Mr. Hills say so and plans are final, also find out who is to have charge of the work. We have taken the same plan and have put in a few changes because a 20 x 20 room cannot be divided into rooms that can be used. There is no place for a school room.

Mr. Hill says the roof is to be made of shakes. The carpenters and builders have advised me not to put on shakes unless they are lapped like shingles and in that case shingles would be cheaper. Shakes can not be made in this country. Mr. Bushnell had to send to Juneau for some because the trees are not fit to work up. They paid \$15.00 per thousand and freight nearly as heavy as from Portland here. I would advise the Board to put shingles on.

Concerning the logs I do not know whether I shall be able to buy them for 25cents or not. At the time Mr. Hill was here it could have been done. The N. W. Trading Company have been using all sorts of mean tricks and have gotten into a business fight with Mr. Kinsey. They are therefore ruining each other on prices, paying double the old price for fish, and are not even on their own goods, paying the Indians higher all around.

Other salmon prospectors are in the country and the consequence is that the Indians are inflated somewhat because they dont understand the affair.

There is no likelihood of the things dying out right away either. I guess I have said enough about the Home.

We were surprised on Sunday to see Louis on his way from the upper village and for Wrangle. He has brought Tillie and all his goods and says he is never going back there again. While he was working at the cannery Tillie was teaching. We heard that Shatevitch had bothered her and insulted her, so I jumped into a canoe and went up intending to bring her down here but when I got there I learned from her that Louis was going to stay at the upper village and buy salmon for Mr. Kinney and she wanted to stay. I came back after giving the people a talking to, thinking every thing well. Spuhu went up in a few days and now Louis tells me that he almost had a fight with Spuhu not about salmon but because Louis had left him and gone to work for Mr. Kinney. He said also that Spuhu had told Shatevitch to make it too hot for the missionaries and Shatevitch was doing it.

Louis says they would like to do mission work near the salt water but that he wouldn't go back to that Chilcat village for \$1,000.00 a year. He has left Mr. Kinney, though can go back whenever he wants to and have a permanent job at \$40.00 a month and a promise to increase to \$50.00.

I am trying to get them to stay here until I can write to the Board and have Tillie Commissioned for this place. Have her take Mrs. Dickinson's place, as the latter is not fit to be in the work. Mr. Hill to the contrary notwithstanding. She has given us an immense amount of trouble. She took Fannie away from us and when Fanny came back crying she told us how she got her away. When asked why she said she did not want to come back when Mr. Hill spoke to her, she said she was afraid because Mrs. Dickinson was right there, all of the Indians are afraid of her and she takes advantages of it to give us all the trouble she can.

Louis says that if the Board will commission Tillie for Haines work he will come back and work for Mr. Kinney. Louis received by this mail a letter from a Mr. Crosby offering him \$60.00 a month and board which may have influenced him somewhat.

You speak of making out a list of articles needed for the Home. We spoke to Hill asking when we were to send in our first requisition, he said not until the Home is started. We need the things when the home is started or it never can be started. An itemized bill was sent into the Board by Louis while I was in Sitka amounting to \$186.82 which has not been paid.

I know the Board did not give any on the authority

to contract such a bill, but he would not do otherwise. He had no place to stay. The house that the Indians gave for the mission they tore down, they were forced to live in a tent for a while and in order to do any work there they had to build a house, Mr. Hill said that it cost too much. I told him that he could not build it so cheap.

He has not been up the river yet and does not know that he will have to pay \$5.00 just to take himself and his blankets and his food there and back. Louis got the Indians to take some things up for nothing, but since then he has had to pay out of his own pocket for those same favors. I have paid some things myself.

Louis has bought about \$20.00 worth of curios, to my mind he has paid pretty large prices for things but I know he could not get them cheaper. One head gear he said he bought from an old Indian doctor, the Indian took him early in the morning to a mountain and showed him the box in which the affair was kept and told Louis he could have it for two dollars because he had to walk so far and the people must not know that he took him there, the Indian would not touch the things.

Louis said the people used to go near where it was kept and make certain prayers to it. He opened the box when several Indians were around (in the house after returning from the mountain) and said to a woman "Here I want this old thing." They all got out and told him to give it back to the man that sold it to him. They wanted to know who sold it.

All of the Indians are afraid of it, though I do not see anything different from any other ugly trinkets. It is worth about 50 cents I should say.

I wrote to Mrs. Haines about an "Azimuth Compass" a surveyors compass would be far better and with it I can get the time as correctly as with the other.

We all unite in sending our kindest regards and christian love.

Your brother in Christ,

Eugene S. Willard.

National Educational
Association.
Saratoga Springs, N. Y.
July 11, 1883.

To the Hon. E. M. Feller,
Secretary of the Interior.
Hon. and Dear Sir:

The National Educational Association composed of the leading teachers, Superintendents of Public Instruction, Presidents and Professors of Colleges and friends of

education in the United States, at their 12nd annual meeting held at this place July 9 -- 11th, desire to express to you their great regret that since the transfer of Alaska 16 years have been allowed to pass without extending to that country our school system.

We feel ashamed, as American citizens, that a large section of our land is worse off educationally than when under the control of Russia, we having failed to continue the schools that for many years were sustained by the Russian Government.

We learn therefore with great pleasure that on the 15th of February 1882, the President transmitted to Congress a communication from the Honorable Secretary of the Interior, recommending that an appropriation of \$50,000 be made for the establishment and maintenance of schools in Alaska.

We join in the earnest request of all the better portion of the American people, that you will give this subject your personal thought and include in your "estimates of appropriations" for the next session of Congress provision:

1st. For an Industrial Training School at Sitka, the Capital, for the children of native population.

2nd. For a suitable appropriation for the establishments of schools in Alaska under your direction at such places as may be designated by the U. S. Commissioner of Education.

On behalf of the Association,

Thomas W. Bicknell,

President.

H. S. Tarbell,
Secretary.

Newcastle, Penn.
July 12, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother:

You will pardon delay when I tell you writing has to be done with one eye, the other being very painful from ulceration. Many thanks for your great kindness to me and mine.

I would not feel I was doing my duty as a mother, or worker in the cause of home missions and not send in my voice against such treatment. Supposing you had received the same news by last mail. I did not write particulars, went to see Mrs. Bryan, she was confounded on reading the letter and wished to retain and copy it.

I herewith send a copy of a letter to the Board,

which, after you have read, I will please deposit in the post office or convey them in the best way. Your letter in reference to a housekeeper was copied and forwarded the same day received. I very much fear the excitement and burdens imposed have been too much for her condition.

Mrs. Ham informed last winter of the meeting of the Board in reference to the Chilkat Mission and I sent in my earnest intreaty for its continuance. Since so much has been done we can only hope and pray that God will still watch over them.

Yours truly,
Mrs. J. White.

Fort Wrangle, Alaska,
July 13, 1883.

Dear Dr. Jackson:

I received the letter you sent me with the money from Kansas and also the pictures. For all of which I am thankful. But I think you might have found time to write us a letter.

We are all very well at this time except sore eyes. Several of the childrens eyes are very bad. They are about over the whooping cough. I expected a long letter from you or from Dr. Kennell telling about the proposed changes, about the building, about these buildings etc. etc. but not a word. Then we are so disappointed about Mr. Hill not coming back here. There are so many things I want to talk to him about, so many inquiries I wanted to make of him. I feel a good deal discouraged about our building. A canoe came over from the Hydah for the mail, said the foundation for the mill was partly ready. I fear we will have to wait a long while for a home. It is very hard to get along as we are now situated. I do not speak of this complainingly. I know you will do all you can for us, but it is past mid-night and I must stop.

Very sincerely yours,
A. R. McFarland.

Sitka, Alaska.
July 16, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Jackson:

Your welcome letters came by steamer yesterday (Sunday). She did not bring many excursionists on account of the recent disasters on this coast. Left my freight to take care of itself and held service in the afternoon.

Quite a number of visitors were attracted by the lusty tones of our bell and were very much interested in the service. Showed them through the Home and they were delighted with its appointments. Visited them on the steamer today and Mrs. Austin went through the Ranch with them. Mrs. Tom was delighted to show them her gorgeous new bonnet and large box stove like the one we have in the school room.

Expected Rev. Mr. Hill but think he did not reach Wrangle in time for the steamer. Mailed a requisition for supplies to him by last steamer. We had thirty three boys and girls in the Home then and we have thirty nine now so that it ought to be increased one sixth. We are greatly delighted at the prospect of having you appointed to take charge of this field. God grant that our hope may not be turned to ashes.

Have copied your petition and will take it down to have Mr. Brady sign it in a few minutes. Think we have only nine dollars of the money you sent us unexpended so that it will be nearly two hundred dollars short of paying the bills on your list. The Bureka is expected here in a few days and I will forward the account by her. We have the house painted on the outside and it looks fine. Had to paint between the drops. It rains nearly all the time this summer. Have graded the ground on the Davis road side and covered it with gravel from the beach. I think we can finish the work in rear of the building in two days more. We found suga-de-hams (plenty) stumps and roots to dig out. Mrs. Austin's eyes are worse she has had too much to do lately. Must close but will write you by next steamer. All unite with me in sending much love to you and yours.

Shall I take any more scholars into the Home?

Shall I have any lumber sawed here, if we have time to get boys?

May God bless you and yours,

Your brother,

A. E. Austin.

Saratoga, N. Y.

July 16, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother:

I want you if you please to give us about three quarters of an hour on Alaska, with your map, at the session to be held Saturday afternoon at three o'clock. Give us the best you have in the shop. It will be on Indian day and I have announced the address as being on

the Indians of Alaska; you can ring in the latest facts and necessities of that field. Please put your address in writing so that I can publish it. I will write you about the way in a few days.

Yours truly,
J. C. Hartnell.

Haines, Alaska.
July 16, 1883.

Dr. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother:

I send this letter by the Indian who brought the mail for July. He arrived at Haines in the evening Saturday 14th.

We send the overture to Board. I hope you will be appointed, we will rejoice in the change.

I have sent to the Board a bill (Date May 14th) of expenses on the two organs, furniture etc. amounting to \$205.07.

I have not yet heard from it, if next mail does not bring an answer I will send a copy of the former letter. In future I will send all bills to Mr. Hill for his signature.

Mr. Bushnell writes this morning that they have 800 fish that is a sign that the men have commenced. I believe they are able to get away with 1200 in a day. I have noticed the salmon jumping in our bay.

The Indians are taking in a body to the interior either today or tomorrow there is to be a big feast on some of the lakes. Many of the people are leaving their things with me until they return.

Did I ask you if you knew of any books (concerning Alaska) printed by the Government that I can obtain?

Please tell me how I can find out and how I can get them. When will your book be out?

The mail leaves here this evening, the Indian who now has it wants to hold the position all the year. He can talk English and looks like a honest man.

Kindest regards and christian love from us all
Eugene S. Willard.

Sitka, Alaska.
July 16, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Jackson:

Yours of June 14th containing check for \$64. is at

hand. This settles the building account on our books. I am glad to learn that there is a possibility of your coming to Alaska. I dislike to see the direction of the work turned over to any one else. I believe that your coming would give the work a vigor and tone that it would not otherwise get for a long time. Something will surely be done for Alaska this coming winter. . If you are in Washington you can secure much in any action which shall be taken.

It would be a great addition to have your family come as well as yourself. On account of Mr. Young's probable absence till October, as he wrote in such a strain we shall not meet in Sitka till the arrival of the October boat about the 15th. You are in command of such resources that the Board would miss it not to send you when the spirit is willing.

If you come prepare to bring a printing press along. You are a wonderful fellow you know for printers ink. It tells now more than ever. Am alone in the store and very busy.

Most sincerely yours,

J. G. Brady.

P. S. Louis Paul and his wife return to Fort Wrangle by this steamer. I tried to get him to remain and work in our store, is half persuaded but guess he will go on to Fort Wrangle. We are making additions to the baskets but will not ship till after the Indians return from Yakutat.

Fort Wrangle, Alaska.

July 16, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother:

Your letter of May 13th is received.

I am always glad to hear from you and of course am glad that I am alive and not drowned as reported. I left Jackson July 2nd, as I did not like to work with the cart before the horse. Mr. Hill and Mr. McLeod said it looked very bad for me, that they could see so little to show for what I had done for the time that I had been there. They did not look for, nor ask about, the missionary work but to get out logs. And so they are looking for logs instead of the easing of souls. Mrs. McFarland also promised me to live as boarder and do little jobs about the house. I felt hurt after loaning Mr. Gould three hundred dollars to send for his sister that all the thanks I got was to be turned out of school and into the woods with axe and saw, and that he reported the first christian

burial and claims the credit of making the Indians temperate. They abandoned looting and intemperance even before I went there and I want the Indians to have a little credit.

Everything good to belittle me and to bail up the Gould family. The Indians are very sorry that you drop me and take up a delute hog. You know that you have treated me very far from right and requesting me to set the other Missions an example.

They are all ready to murder me because an ignoramus like me could do so well in missionary work. Indeed I was very much disappointed after relying myself for you at Sitka that you should go home and attempt to reduce my salary, had I known your intention I should not have offered it to you.

The least that you can do now is to return it. It is no excuse at all that the Board wants to make the money go far, for if they did they would not have left the Gould family at home for at least another year, and until my commission expired, or until I failed to do all that could be done. I feel badly imposed upon and if there is any reduction of salary to be made let them stand it who have already relieved me of my money and brains.

I am tired of this kind of civilization and if the Lord is willing we go still further towards the north pole. I have started for Juneau but am going to Portland first to make up my outfit and find a suitable company. I want to support myself and do christian work, and not to be found low, low at the foot of the crop. Also the spirit to say "Lord remember me".

I have sent my last report and bill which is considerably easier than will be providing things are not accepted.

Please remember me as soon as possible at Portland.

Your brother in Christ,

J. E. Chapman.

Homer, New York.

July 19, 1833.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Jackson:

A letter from Dr. Hartzel says you speak last, Aug. 11th P. M., before the last discussion, and I feel sure he will give you 30 minutes as I suggested and hope your topic will be "results of missions among Indians" or some other such topic as no one has that and facts on that point are woefully needed.

Also Dr. Hartzell wishes your paper to print in the pamphlet of that day's work and facts in your possession

on that subject will be of great and lasting use to us all as I need not say. My talk comes last in the morning before the discussion then, and I hope to show something of the need of missions among Indians and shall be obliged if you have any leaflet on that, for the loan of it. You follow Miss. Fletcher (I've heard she is Unitarian) so you'll have the final, picture of hope in real, christian, evangelical work for Indians and I am thankful you have it. I go now to Grand Hotel, Point Chautauque, New York until the 7th of August.

Yours very truly,
A. S. Quinton.

Hampton N & A Institute.
Virginia, July 19, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Rev. Jackson:

I am going to write to you this afternoon. It seemed to me that it has been a very long time since you have returned home again and I thought perhaps you would like to know about your Pima children. It is all well and we are getting along nicely and it is very pleasant morning and I have been to school and I just came back from school and I thought I would like to write to you a letter and I am very happy to say that we all rejoice this year because this is my last summer and I suppose I shall be home within next summer but I am afraid that my people would think about me too much coming some time, my thought got change and I think of myself that I would stay two years more, but I am very lonesome some time than I like to go home to see my people again. I can say that how glad I was to see you and after you went home it make me very sad because I was so glad to see you and I thought you would stay little longer than that and I think I am very lonesome and homesick. I have been never lonesome since I been here but now I think I am sad because Francisco has been sick for over three months and now she is getting worse than she used but perhaps she get well some time but it make me very sad because when she used well I and her are such good friends together and always have good time together and now she is sick and looks weary and worse than she used to before and she send very much love to you and Mrs. Jackson, she say that she hope she may get better soon and I am very happy to tell you that I have been to baptised and all my teachers are happy to have me baptised and I think I am going to try hard to learn about our Dear Christ and I think I give up my self to be His child and I would like very much to send you my picture but I am sorry I have

no money to spend and take my picture, but I did not have any money in my name.

Francisco Rios wish to see you very much indeed and I am very well then I did all this winter, but I am very lonesome without my parents now, but when ever so lonesome I have always think about how Jesus did come down from his beautiful home and so He stay alone awhile and so I love to think about Christ and sometime I come to Him and speak to Him and ask Him to come near me and teach me something good news that I never before know and so I love to think of Him when so ever I have do wrong thing I always be sorry and ask Him to forgive me all those wrong things which I have been doing and I think its nearer time for supper. Remember me very kindly to all your children. Perhaps I will send my picture to you if I can get any money just now. Dear me I wish very much to see you and Mrs. Jackson but I send very much sincerely love and kiss to you both. Our heavenly Father may be with you all or may with us all and I am going to ask you that if you know anything about Mr. Armstrong that when he used to live in Arizona. I wonder where he is sometime I receive very pleasant letters from Mr. Cook I think he is very nice kind man.

Goodby Dear I must close now from your loving child
Melisse M. Inez.

Write soon Please.

Albuquerque, N. M.
July 19, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother:

Your letter has been received some time since. I have been sick for the past month. I have preached but have been able to do no other work. I am now better, this is only, I neglected to answer your letter. Our Presbytery met in April in our new church in Albuquerque and we had a grand meeting. We are going to have a called meeting soon.

Bro. Mc. Gaughy is our stated clerk. I have had a letter from him today. He says we must have a meeting soon. When are you coming? We might have Presbytery meet here about that time if not we can meet and do whatever business is to be done, but we would like to see you for a day or two among us.

I preached last night to the scholars and teachers at the Indian school. It was the largest congregation I have ever preached to in New Mexico. They were very well pleased to have a sermon preached to them. It is very

pleasant to visit the Indian school now. Prof. Bryan is a good man and has the work at heart, and all the assistants are very faithful.

Please let me know when you expect to come this way. Last week I took a trip out on the H. A. P. E. R. I went as far as California. It did me good it was so cool crossing Arizona at night; we had fire in the train while crossing the Mountains.

We are getting along very nicely here and hope to be able to do more now when the weather is getting a little colder. I wish you could get some of the good people East to donate an organ to our church. We are trying to raise money to finish the inside of the church and are still without an organ.

Yours truly,

Jas. A. Menaul.

Albany, N. Y.

July 19, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

I received a postal from Mrs. March requesting me to send you names of churches in Presbytery contributing to steam launches:

\$148.75. Secretary Mrs. W. H. Strong, 103 Washington Ave.

\$243.78. Secretary Mrs. C. F. Stanton, 85 Ten Broeck St.
Amsterdam Ind.

\$119.00. Miss Fanny Bartlett, Treasurer.

about \$22. Miss M. E. Lawrence, Secretary.
Ballston,
Mrs. J. D. Countermine.

Troy, N. Y.

July 19, 1883.

Dr. Sheldon Jackson,
My dear friend:

Your note of the 17th reached me promptly. I regret I cannot send you with this the memoranda you ask for. Our Presbytery Secretary sent me a list of societies contributing towards Mr. Willard's boat and after I had addressed the several Secretaries as you requested, sent the list to Mrs. Potter. I recall perfectly however that there were but four societies, as follows, the amounts I am not accurate, about -- Amsterdam \$119.00 Ballston about \$10. or \$15. Albany 1st church 148.00, I think and the

Clinton Square or Third Presbyterian Church, Albany over \$200. I will drop a postal to Mrs. Counterline our Secretary asking her to send you list of societies amounts and Secretaries, if one is in town she will reply at once. I am sure there were no sums contributed by individuals. I did hope that my wishes which I endeavored to make very clear had been carried out and your plans for Mrs. Willard's benefit furthered.

With kind regards,
Fanny B. March.

Sitka, Alaska.
July 20, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Jackson:

I did not have time to write you at length by last mail and as we are expecting the Kurcka any day now, I will begin to write you now.

We received letters from the Willards by last steamer. Mrs. Willard was very blue she did not state the reasons but intimated that Rev. Mr. Hill's visit had something to do with it. Captain Merriman met Mr. Styles in the street the other day and he said that Dr. Lindsley had written to him that your influence with the Board was at an end. Wanted to know if this was so?

He was none the wiser by the information he received. I should not mention, but thought it was right that you should know of it, as it shows the animus of certain parties to our work here. I cannot conceive why he should be writing to Captain Merriman. The Captain is very intimate with Mr. Kostromentinoff and the secret opposition of the Russians to our work keeps leaking out. Capt. Merriman has never been in to see our school, or attended a church service.

I mailed the petition of the missionaries to Dr. Kendall. I write these things confidentially. We are greatly rejoiced at the prospect of your being appointed Superintendent of Missions in Alaska, for we feel that much more will be done and that the missions in this distant field, while in a transitive state, need some one on the ground.

July 26, 1883.

The steamer came in this morning. Miss Rankin called on us, is on her way to Chilkat to see Miss Matthews. She reports all the missionaries well at Wrangle, Rev. Mr. Hill has gone below. I send you Mr. Haltern's bill in which he has you credited for the check for \$123.64 -- leaving a balance still of \$143.74. Due him.

I send a statement of the building account showing that the money given us has been expended with the exception of \$15.50. Have sent my account for bills paid to Mr. Eaton showing that they owe us \$44.61. If you think best he can pay that amount to you (\$15.50) and deduct it from my account and add the balance on my check for salary when he sends it, then you can send a check to Haltern for \$145.74 and that will square the account. Mr. Styles has sent receipts, tickets etc. on building account, except for Indian labor and the items for Russian labor I have added, that I have not been able to get. If you get the balance due on building account (\$15.50) of Mr. Eaton, please notify me and if possible get him to add the balance owing me on my check for salary. Have had to borrow money this month to pay little bills. If Mr. Hill sends up six months supply without making arrangements to pay freight, I shall have to draw on Mr. Eaton for the amount. Please mention this to him, for if he does not honor the draft, the goods will be stored and the groceries will not be worth much if they are kept in the store house a month or two.

I shall be very anxious to hear from you again to know how the matter you mentioned in your last turns out.

Family all unite with me in sending kindest regards to you and yours.

Sincerely yours,
A. E. Austin.

Newcastle, Pennsylvania.
July 21, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother:

You cannot know the anxiety I have felt during the last fortnight. I wrote a strong and long letter to the Board and as I thought, sent it, together with note to you requesting you to convey it to the Board. Not receiving any word I feared there had been a mistake in mailing, being a sufferer from an inflamed eye, the addressing was partially done by another. There was nothing in the note addressed to you, in any way offensive as I believe to the Board, or likely to cause any trouble to you. Your letter written to me was mailed along the same way to Mont Clair, as requested. No copy was taken.

I have felt troubled that your kindness to me and mine should meet such seeming neglect. As I had written concerning Mr. Hill's treatment in the letter referred to, it did not seem necessary to rewrite it. If I am correct in supposing you failed to get the reading of the letter I will send a copy. Received a letter from Mr. Boyd last

evening which fails to set the matter right or give satisfaction.

Yours truly and gratefully,
A. White.

Ripon, Wisconsin.
July 23, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 7th was forwarded here and coming out a distance from mails has prevented an earlier reply. So you see I could not do anything about getting that clause inserted in the estimates. I will look it up when I get back. I think it would be well to write to Secretary Teller on the same subject.

It is so cool here that I don't need to go to Alaska. I shall be in Washington August 4.

Yours truly,
M. S. Cook.

North Long Branch, N. J.
July 23, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

As you observe by the enclosed prospectus I am engaged on the works of the late Secretary Seward, I wish to give prominence to the acquisition of Alaska as it deserves.

Can you give me brief statistics of your good work there? Have you anything like a library there?

Can you name a few of the prominent men there?

I had the pleasure of seeing you some of Mr. Seward's speeches on Alaska from the Department of State in Washington some two or three years ago. I shall be happy to aid your enterprise as opportunity offers.

In the meantime I am

Yours respectfully,
George E. Baker.

Philadelphia, Pa.
July 24, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.
My dear Brother:

I express the Willard Alaska letters to you today

and return the proof of the picture of Mrs. Illard and babe; which I judge to be good. Photo pictures mean more to those who know the living person than those who do not.

With kind regards,

John W. Dulles.

Jackson, Alaska.

July 24, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

New York, N. Y.

My dear Brother:

The first mail under your contract came last evening bringing four letters from you. Because of head winds on the up trip the canoe was not at Wrangle until two days after the steamer had gone up.

I started them on time with a specific understanding they were to be there on time. They found a canoe ready to come down, they told them at Wrangle they, at Wrangle, were going to carry next month and that the Hydah's were not getting half enough.

Our men claim they were late this time because Mr. Chapman kept them here half a day loaded them heavily with his goods to Wrangle.

And here I may as well answer to the inference drawn from a clause in our annual report. That, Mr. Chapman, was certainly sent back from Sitka to do our work, he could have built us a comfortable temporary house before going to Sitka if he had tried and kept his promise. Nearly all the material in the house we occupy now was ready early in the winter and without any effort on Mr. Chapman's part. Whatever I did he did not propose to work in the winter no matter who suffered. Mr. Young and Mr. Hill can tell you something of him. I do not care to now he is gone, unless there is a necessity for it. He was certainly responsible for the manner in which he spent his time.

I think in my reports, writings and words and surely we all in our hearts, appreciate your efforts for us in the report to which you refer your name is mentioned. Also in a brief communication for the "Home Missions".

In reference to the clipping pertaining to P. O. Star Route, a sharp man lays himself open. The route accommodates The N. W. T. Co. the N. P. T. & P. Co., and the A. T. & L. Co. as well as the missions. As to our building we had arranged for and begun a little 22 x 32 pole and shake house before the April steamer. The lumber helped us some in that I then proposed going further in building and use the lower story for school or church until we could be accommodated further, of which I probably wrote. Mr. Hill came and stopped that for the present. Did not bring lumber but

needs ours for mill erection. It must be some time before he can give us lumber. I need not write now of the plans I have matured for the mill prior to his coming.

You will be disappointed in regard to cedar lumber as it will be exceedingly difficult to secure any considerable quantity of that timber of a size and soundness for sawing. Most of the available saw timber is spruce.

We were glad to see Messrs. Hill and McLeod and the beginning of work on the mill. It will yet be a considerable time before the mill is in operation, the lumber to supply the other missions is to be cut so our school and church rooms are still in the future, but the Master will bring it all right in His own good time.

The people in the Wrangle Home are very much in need of more room; are very much cramped in their work, find it not easy to protect their girls as in the house on the hill, so it ever goes in Mission work. Yet we have ever something to help and encourage.

I enclose receipts of Mrs. Gould and sister and self for checks sent. Accept thanks, they are just in time to help us out and to prepare for October steamer, which may seem a long way off.

I may find time to write more before mail leaves.

Yours in the Gospel,

J. Loomis Gould.

CLIFF SEAT, N. Y.
Ticonderoga, July 25, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

It will be a keen delight to me, under your wise leadership, I can help stir up Boston and New England to rebuke the National neglect of Alaska.

In reply to your note, I ask you to call for me at my study at 54 Bowdoin Street, Boston, where I am likely to be found almost any day after September 10 until October 1.

Mrs. Cook recalls, as I do, with high pleasure our conversations with you on our trip to the Yosemite Valley. We unite in sending our best regards.

Yours always,

Joseph Cook.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Brother:

Newcastle, Pennsylvania.

July 28, 1883.

Your note of July 20 together with photograph

received. We have consulted about it and find no reason for change.

Yours truly,
A. White.

July 28, 1883.

Rev. R. W. Hill's letter.

Reasons for not building (the Jackson) saw mill in Hains Cove:

- 1st. Small volume of water.
 - 2nd. Length and cost of flume.
 - 3rd. Difficulty of access at high tide.
 - 4th. Frozen up in winter. Dam 12 feet high.
- To remove one root took 6 men 3 days. To get the bottom logs of the dam in place took 10 men two days.

North Long Branch.
July 30, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Sir:

Thanks for your letter and attention.

I thought perhaps you might give me say a page of condensed matter about Alaska. As on another sheet the names of 5 or 6 persons intimately connected or interested in Alaska.

I did not contemplate imposing a task upon you. Within two weeks will do.

Yours respectfully,

George E. Baker.

Synod of the Columbia.

Protest from Messrs. Berry, Lindeley and Condit of Oregon.

To the Board of Home Missions:

Information has reached our Synod that an application is now pending before you for the appointment of Rev. Sheldon Jackson D. D. as Presbyterian Missionary for Alaska.

There are thousands of circumstances when the expression of opinion by others than members of the Board who, owing to their positions, are competent to give information, is an invaluable aid. In view of this general principle and having at heart only the welfare of our Alaska Missions we venture to express a hope that the appointment of Dr. Jackson as Presbyterian Missionary will never be made. While we fully appreciate all that Dr. Jackson has done for Alaska we are yet compelled to affirm that in our judgment the appointment ought not to be made.

Alaska while that in extent presents comparatively few Missionary openings. Those so far as the Board is prepared to occupy are already entered and in the future unless the portion chosen for our efforts is enlarged, our work will be in the development of the field through the already established missions. This being true, there does not seem the same need for a Presbyterian Missionary as in regions where the work justifies extension. From an intimate acquaintance with the Missions and Missionaries we are constrained to believe that the pressing need is systematic effort to make the Indians able to compete with the whites in the struggle for existence. They are not only to be christianized, they must also be instructed in those arts which will enable them to make the most of their country and its resources. To this end what is needed is tact and practical ability in the missionaries.

The efficiency of the work depends directly on those in charge of the missions and schools and if they are properly selected there will be absolutely no need of such an office as you are asked to create.

The expense too is in question. From \$1600 to \$3000. per year will be the necessary to pay salary and expenses. This can be expended directly in equipment of schools will produce far more valuable results. A complete inspection once each year is necessary, but this is already provided for in the visitation of the Synodical Missionary in addition to this should emergency arise, one member of the Board, or a competent member of the Synod could give the field a visit and personally see the working of the Missionaries.

When the Presbytery of Oregon requested the General Assembly to erect the Presbytery of Alaska, it did so in the hope that the new body might devise plans by which economy and efficiency could be observed. The new Presbytery is not yet organized. Even were it as a body to request the appointment we would still feel constrained to reiterate and believe that the Synod of Columbia by a very large majority would endorse our action. In the confident expectation that the Board will decline the request for Dr. Jackson's appointment we subscribe ourselves in the bonds of the gospel.

Fraternally,

F. P. Berry.

Chairman of Committee on Home
Missions Presbytery of Oregon.

A. L. Lindsley.

Chairman of Committee on Indian
Missions. Presbytery of Oregon
& Synod of Columbia.

Elbert N. Condit.

Chairman of Home Missions Committee
of Synod of Columbia.

Chilcat Mission, Alaska.

July 16, 1883.

Rev. Dr's Kendall and Roberts,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brethren:

Believing that the Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D. would be willing to take the Superintendency of Presbyterian Missions in Alaska, we gladly join the Missionaries of the other stations in asking that he be appointed to said position.

Eugene S. Willard.
Carrie M. Willard.
Bessie L. Matthews.

Sitka, Alaska.

July 16, 1883.

To the Secretaries of the
Board of Home Missions,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sirs:

We are glad to hear that there is some prospect of being able to secure the Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D. for the Alaska work and would earnestly unite in asking that he be appointed Superintendent of Missions in this distant section.

Alonzo E. Austin
Mrs. Alonzo E. Austin.
Linnie A. Austin.
John G. Brady.
Mrs. W. E. Styles.
W. E. Styles.

Fort Wrangell, Alaska.

August 13, 1883.

To the Board of Home Missions of
the Presbyterian Church.

Dear Brethren:

We the undersigned Missionaries stationed at Fort Wrangle, Alaska learning that we can secure Dr. Jackson's services in the interest of Alaska Missions do unite with the Missionaries at the other stations in requesting you to appoint Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D. Superintendent of Missions in Alaska.

Respectfully yours,

W. D. McFarland.
J. W. McFarland.
A. R. McFarland.
Kate A. Harkin.

Fort Wrangell, Alaska.

August 10, 1883.

Dr. Shelton Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother:

I just arrived this evening from a visit to Miss Matthews in the Chilkat Country. Miss Matthews is quite well and doing good work as far as she can. Their Indians are all away fishing at the canneries. They make plenty of money. Mrs. Willard and their little daughter are quite ill. I feel very sorry for them, so far from any medical aid, which I know they really need. I was perfectly delighted with the country by far the most beautiful scenery I have come across in Alaska.

On my return home this evening, I heard of petition sent to be signed by the missionaries requesting the Board to send you to Alaska. I think that it would be splendid just suits me. Mrs. J. W. McFarland posted the letter before I put my signature to it and I want it there. I will send it, if it will put it on with mailage do so.

Can you tell me why they are so long waiting me any money, is anything the matter with my accounts? I would like some money as it would be very useful now.

Your sister in Christ,

Kate A. Rankin.

Salem, Oregon.

August 1, 1883.

Rev. Shelton Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Jackson:

Your letter of May 13th came too late to be attended to before my trip to Alaska, and of course when I found it on my return it was too late. However there are some matters which will do now. In the matter of uniforms. I have ordered a fine dark gray all wool. The Board having chosen that quality. They will go by next steamer. I will also have a suitable cap and shoes. The cost for each boy to be \$9.75. \$6.75 for clothes and -- estimated cap \$1.50 -- shoes \$2.00. As to school books I shall make out a list and send to Bro. Boyt in New York who can buy them second hand. Books are out of all reach here.

The wagon I have ordered made in Portland especially for hand driving -- to go like a horse carriage. I have written asking Austin whether he wants dark clothing for the

boys to do rough workin. You can get a fish net in New York better than I can here, but I have asked Austin to make a requisition giving size of mesh, length and depth wanted. When it comes you can get net in New York, if Board approves. The lumber for cisterns will go next month.

As to Willard Home -- I have sent doors, windows, nails, locks, hinges etc. but unfortunately the flooring was crowded out, the ship refusing to take all the freight offered. It will go next time and will occasion no delay. The Willards are the most comfortably located Missionary family in Alaska, and when the Home is finished will be well equipped for efficient work. The mill is going on rapidly, but needs many things to enable it to do good work. It wants an upper saw, a planer and an edging buzz saw at least and must have them. That mill must succeed.

Faithfully,
R. W. Hill.

Monmouth, Illinois.
August 6, 1883.

Mrs. Joseph S. White,
Newcastle, Pa.

My dear Mrs. White:

The ladies of our church would like to know what kind of beds they want at the Indian Home at Haines, Alaska. They thought they could go to work and make sheets etc. if they only knew if the beds were to be single or full sized. We thought you might know something about it. We would be glad of any information.

I was sorry to hear that your eyes were troubling you again. How Joe received the package I sent him? I received a card from him but he sent the package, before that.

Katie M _____.

Juneau, Alaska.
August 6, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother:

You surprised me very much when you wrote that you expected to come and remain out here with your family to engage in mission work. But my pleasure was even greater than my surprise for you bring to the work an experienced head and a devoted heart.

I know that you and your wife will receive a hearty welcome from us all.

The mail was carried in a satisfactory manner to all

parts last month by an Indian named Johnson Yuanoos. This Indian carries the mail on the Stackeen river for nine years so has some experience of what is required. I paid him \$25. I have engaged him for the year with the mutual agreement that he is to receive \$50. a month during December, January February and \$25. a month the rest of the year.

I expect to leave here in October consequently will not be able to pay the Indian after that time. Mr. Willard may not have the cash on hand and without facilities to have a check cashed. Would it not be well to send the check here and I will get it cashed and remit the money at once to Mr. Willard and he can pay the money to the Indian each month.

When you come to Alaska have you any settled purpose as to where you will locate? Mrs Corlies joins me in love to you and yours.

Your fellow worker in Christ,
W. H. Corlies.

Newcastle, Pa.

August 7th, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother:

Your kind letter was duly received. Hope you may be permitted to assist toward the building of the Home at Haines. A letter received this week and written July 6th informs us that nothing had been done in that direction except that daughter assisted and directed some boys in clearing a site. We are all very much puzzled in regard to the course taken by the Board and especially by Rev. Hill.

I have felt troubled since sending my letter. I should have submitted it to your judgment and correction. If there was anything in it in any way injurious to you, be assured it was not so intended.

Several weeks ago I wrote to Mrs. Ham twenty five cent stamps and asking her to forward copies of daughters letter, sisters to sisters, as my desire to have it. I have received neither letter nor answer. Thought she might be from home. As I could not answer the inquiry on the enclosed postal, refer it to you.

I understood the beds in the Home at Sitka were single. It would seem more economical to have them double as covering one third wider would cover two and a less number would answer to keep them warm. Please let us know your opinion.

That you may understand correctly the state of affairs I enclose also a letter which you will please return.

Your sister in Christ,
A. White.

This certifies that the Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D. is a minister in good and regular standing in the Presbytery of Santa Fe and is now, at his own request, dismissed to unite with the Presbytery of Alaska to whose fraternal affection and fellowship, he is cordially commended.

I am by order of Presbytery this 10th day of August 1883.

Attest:

J. M. Mc.Gaughey.

Stated Clerk.

Presbytery of
Santa Fe.

Bethlehem, Pa.

August 11, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Rev. & Dear Sir:

On my return from Philadelphia yesterday I found the package which you have been kind enough to send, containing a book and various pamphlets with regard to Alaska. Please accept my sincerest thanks especially for your own interesting work on Alaska. I read in it for some time last night.

On the occasion of the approaching Missionary Meeting I will see whether anything can be done preparatorily toward beginning a work in that country.

We could not, of course, actually begin a new work without the consent of the Mission Board which oversees all our Foreign Missions. This Board has its seat at Berthelsdorf in Saxony.

With best wishes I remain yours

Very faithfully,

Edmund de Schweinitz.

Haines, Alaska.

August 11, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Bro:

We expect to hear that the steamer has arrived most any time now. I will try and be ready with my mail. Had the wind that is blowing now been raging two days ago I might have missed the steamer. I was then up the "Dyea Inlet" with my boat.

On Tuesday morning we were all awakened by an Indian woman pounding on the door. I arose and learned that the

miners had returned from the Stick country and concluding that something must be the matter or I would not have been routed out I paid a visit to their camp and found three men who had nothing with them save their underclothes and a small fire they were trying to urge into life. They had had nothing to eat for three or four days and had left four of their party on the trail unable to get down the river that comes into the Oyaya Inlet at its head. I brought the men some clothes and took them into the house where Mrs. Willard and Bessie had a hot breakfast spread on the table. I had previously sent a note to Ned to Mr. Sorenson at the General for Indians. After breakfast and a rest for the men, the Indians coming I got ready the "Adaline with Flour" bacon, crackers, cheese, coffee etc. for balast and away we went. We found the men still alive. They had shot a log salmon and found an old dried salmon dropped by the Indians on the trail. They had eaten these and some berries that were growing near.

We all arrived in the middle of the night at Haines after a "forced march" of two days and nearly two nights. We had heard that the miners were down on us and that they would not let us land at Juneau etc. but I guess these men do not belong to that party.

They made me a present of a large Colts revolver with cartridges, a belt etc. and are determined to wear from the store more provisions than they used.

They found gold but not in paying quantities.

The Indians are hard at work catching Salmon getting 25¢ apiece and making from \$5.00 to \$35. a day consequently our town is deserted. The people are scattered everywhere. We have three children with us who are learning fast, they are about all there is left of the school. We could have 40 or more if we could take them in, but the Board will not provide for children until the Home building is erected.

Mr. Hill informs us we can afford to take no more though we have kept two bright boys for several days at a time, we have to send them back to their people or they would all combine to eat us out of house and home.

Mrs. Willard's health keeps ahead of the children though from such a loss of sleep I do not see how she can be as well as she is. Little Carrie has been having a serious time with her throat which has required about all of her mother's time and strength and of the letter there is not much to report about. As for the rest of us we are well and have plenty of exercise to keep us from getting low spirited.

Miss Rankin has been visiting us. She came up on the last steamer and is going down on the mail boat.

We all unite in sending our kindest regards and christian love to yourself and family.

Fraternally.

Eugene S. Willard.

Washington, D. C.

August 11, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Replying to your request of the 7th ulto., you are informed that I have inserted in the annual estimates of this Office for the next fiscal year a request for an appropriation of twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for the support of industrial work among the Indians of Alaska.

Yours respectfully,

H. Price.

Commissioner.

Asbury Park, N. J.

August 11, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Some of the ladies who heard you at Sea Rent and the (let?) Presbyterian Church when you were in A. P. in June would like you to write a short (to the point) sketch of the needs of Alaska for Faith and Works. The sooner it reaches the Faith and Works Office, 535 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa. the better. Excuse haste and I send you a paper so that if you are not already familiar with it you can know what it is.

Your appeal would thus reach earnest workers of all denominations.

Very truly,

Nannie G. Barclay.

Allegheny, Pa.

August 13, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Sir:

How is your progress in sending the boat money to Mr. Willard? Mr. Boyd sent me word that Mr. Hill said Mr. Willard's father had given him a boat. I may be mistaken -- but I understood Mrs. White to say that he only advanced the money until ours was sent out, as they were obliged to have the boat.

I shall again write of this to the Secretaries. I fear I have already offended, by my plain words. But I wish you could tell me what I can say to friends who ask if the money has gone to Mr. Willard for the boat and if he

has what he needs now. Your kindness in noticing my letters makes me bold to write this.

It is of course personal. I should not use your name -- but feel I must have something definite to tell the donors.

Why go on publishing lists of special objects, only to keep up a constant irritation when money is not forwarded. If special objects are written for you might give them but I wish you would urge the women to call only for \$115,000. and not for certain sums.

However I am not advising. I feel very badly about the whole matter of the Chilcat Station and have had sore struggles with myself to keep on in this work. I do so hate to work in the dark and have to put people off without a candid answer. But I try to be prudent and keep things moving on.

Very truly your friend,
Kate V. Bryan.

Fort Wrangle, Alaska.
August 18, 1923.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Jackson:

I have written the petition and will send it to you this mail signed by all on the ground.

We were very much interested to hear that you thought of moving with your family to Alaska. We will gladly extend our welcome to you, but I fear it will be a great sacrifice to you to make. I am satisfied that Mrs. Y. to have the Home for there would be no living with her if any one else had it. I wish those to whom she is lecturing were behind the curtain and could see the working of her institutions, they would not feel much like contributing. The few boys we had did not attend as regularly as the female children. I am sure their faces were not much cleaner. I think she had a good deal of cheek to apply for my husband's position. What did Dr. Kendall mean by recommending such a thing. Well when Mrs. Y. goes into the business with me I will resign all to her and leave the field.

They tried the first sister Mrs. McFarland was in Portland to divide the school taking my boys. I protested at first it, we had a pretty warm discussion first with Mr. Young then with her until she was glad to give up the question. She wrote Aunt this mail that Dr. Kendall and the Board wanted to help her with her Home -- but she said not a dollar. Then they agreed to compensation for a music teacher paying for the time occupied. Mrs. Ham sent the

histories for the school. I am thankful. My commission and blanks arrived but no checks. I was much disappointed, we were obliged to borrow. I cannot understand the delay. It should have come last mail. Tell Mrs. Jackson I will write to her next time send a note to Bessie with this.

Very truly yours,
Maggie McFarland.

Fort Wrangle, Alaska.
August 14, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. C.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother:

Our mail came so early this month it was quite a surprise to us. Your letter I should have had last month and also the one of July 5th were both received. Both letters brought surprises to us. The petition you enclosed is already copied, signed and all ready for the mail. Mrs. Mr. Farland will send it. You, in your letter of July and also Mrs. Jackson in her letter speak as if the matter of your coming to Alaska is settled. But you do not tell us where you will live or what you are going to do. I wish you had been a little more explicit. I am much surprised at some things it seems strange after all that has been said that Mr. and Mrs. Young have gained such favor with the board and are able to have everything their own way. Tell me if it is decided that the two Homes are to be built together and Mrs. Young go in there with her boys. I cannot believe after all that was said and done about that at the time, the other building was put up that the board would not do just what those parties have been trying to bring about ever since they came to Wrangle. I wrote very plainly to Dr. Kendall last night about it and also about that "Oversee" now I am perfectly willing Mrs. Young should have the boys Home but I can see no reason why the building for her home and our Home should be together. Particularly as she is to be "independent" and when I think of the time that must lapse before we can have a building to go into my heart sickens. I fear the result of all this waiting in more directions than one. I do not believe we will get a building to go into before some time in 1885. I really cannot see why this should be so, I look forward to the coming winter with much dread.

I presume Mr. and Mrs. Young will be in New York by the time this letter gets there. We were much surprised to hear Dr. Kendall tried to have Mrs. Young commissioned as teacher for the boys school. What did they propose to do with Dr. McFarland? Does she imagine she is able to carry on a Boys Home and teach too? What about her own family

and household duties, her position as pastor's wife, her hospital etc. etc. She is certainly a very remarkable woman. It seems a great pity if we are going to leave these buildings that we cannot have them now. It would save us much trouble and annoyance. For instance I had a lot of hay and all our fish barrels in an old room adjoining the school room. Mr. Lear rented the room and sent me up word that I must vacate at once. So I had to hire men to move them and pay them three dollars for doing it. Then Mr. Hill sent up our six months supplies this steamer I had to go and rent a room way off to put them in and you can imagine how uncomfortable that is and if we get these other rooms we will have to be at the expense of having all this lot of goods moved again. But what the use of worrying you with all this. I will say no more at present. Let me know of whatever is done as soon afterwards possible.

I feel as if some trouble was threatening. I do not know what. With love to your family.

Yours faithfully,

A. R. McFarland.

P. S. I wrote today to Dr. Kennell and also to Mr. Young about Louis and Tillie being in Wrangle. They having left Chilcat Mission. Louis said he could not make a living. It cost him so much to have everything taken up the river. Then he had to build his house out of his salary. It cost him \$213. I wrote to the Board asking them to pay for it, they did not answer his letter.

He became discouraged, and resigned. He left \$70.00 in debt. I think the Board should have paid for his house. They had the school and church up stairs in their own house. I hope they will be given a mission nearer home. I don't think we can afford to lose them from the work. I wish they could be sent to Shesha.

7 O'clock P. M.

I have just come from Louis'. Tillie has a nice little boy, born at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Mother and baby doing well.

Please send me a copy of Julia M. E. Wright's book on Alaska, with price and I will return it to you.

Sitka, Alaska.

August 15, 1883.

Dear Dr. Jackson:

It has been raining all day as usual and I have been down at the wharf checking off the freight belonging to the Home (six months supply) as the boys removed it. Expect some excursionists to the house tonight so I will answer your letters as best I can in the few moments I have at command.

The box of fire extinguishers are here and while we hope they will only be ornamental Mr. Styles and myself know how to use them if we should need to. Will send one to the Willards by next Steamer. Will write to the party as you suggest by next steamer. There will be an extra one along in about ten days, so report says.

Many thanks for the case, shall sleep easier now. Will also send the measurements to the blarney stone etc. Rev. Mr. Hill sent us two bath tubs and writes that he has ordered a wagon to be ready for us by next steamer, that I may expect plank for cistern and uniform clothing etc. on her next trip. "De. Sun do move -- Jasper". I feel quite encouraged. He also writes for me to send the dimensions of sein.

He has made arrangements to pay freight in Portland on return of bill with my certification that it is correct. I think we can pull through another winter if Mr. and Mrs. Styles are appointed. I made application to the Board last month for them. Have carefully noted the contents of your letters of July 12th and 19th. and will carry out your suggestions to the best of my ability. Will keep the letters until I see you which I hope will be in the early part of the summer of 1884. That member who compared our work with Wrangle and can't see that we need help, must remember that Mr. Styles has been at work on the Home and not in the school. Does Rev. S. E. Young teach in the school. I mean when he is at home.

Is their school as large as ours (day school)? What is the amount of money paid for salaries at Wrangle. Our boys have done over \$500. worth of work on the grounds around the Home this summer. They came home at 12 P. M. last Saturday with their second raft of wood, their clothes not being dry during the entire week.

We have thirteen girls in the Home, making with the boys forty in all. Send you a list of the new names, will you be kind enough to hand it to Mrs. Miller. Miss Little sent you a package of pictures by this mail, Daisy Jackson among them, it is not a good one -- too dark -- not enough sun to take good ones. She sent a package to the Secretaries and intended to send one to Mrs. Haines but could not get a single postage stamp in town. She desired me to thank you for your kind letter.

After the steamer sailed last month I found I had left out the statement of building account which Mr. Styles had prepared for me. Please find it within. We have two trees and brush cut down from the Davis road to the ditch, formerly used to bring water in from Indian river.

Mrs. Austin has the sick headache tonight. Have no lumber to build bell tower, but when I get all our wood in I think I will take the responsibility to have some sawed. All my family unite with me in sending much love to you and yours,
Most sincerely yours,
A. E. Austin.

P. S. Shingles bought after you left 4,500.
A. E. A.

Pyramid Harbor, Alaska.
August 27, 1923.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

I received your note and check for \$160.00, for which I am thankful. I am living at the Company campert and on Sunday I take a canoe to cross the river and then proceed across the portage to the Mission to interpret.

The Company has removed to Pyramid Harbor. There is nothing but buildings left at Chilcat. Mr. Hill a missionary gentleman came here this summer. He spoke to me about going over to the Mission to live. There is no stove in the Company's store, everything is moved out of the house and when I count my expenses going over every Sunday it cost me \$2.00 every Sunday I go over.

I have not been allowed my expenses coming over from Fort Wrangle here nor my expenses going up to Chilcat village nor to Chilcat village on several occasions, according to my accounts, money expended out of my own pocket is .57. I understand that all other Missionaries have their travelling expenses paid. I show this to give you an idea of my expenses which will be more so from this out.

As long as my husband was living at Chilcat the Company furnished my provisions. But if I go over to the Mission to live this winter my husband cannot go over there for his business calls him on this side. I have no stove or fire wood. There is nothing but an empty house.

You know Dr. Jackson I was not educated in Fort Wrangle I was educated in Victoria. Louis and Tillie were educated in Fort Wrangle still they had more salary than I had and had everything furnished at Upper Chilcat, that is house stove fixtures and fire wood. I have had but one box of clothing since I have been in the Mission. Now I want the Mission to help me with wood and stove if I stay at the Mission alone this winter. My expenses are increased.

I would like my brothers and sisters to help in raising my salary. I think its time for me to get more for I am long now working in the Mission. I have not been at the Mission for two weeks for when I went there there were only two women living there and five boys followed me over there. They are all scattered fishing etc. But there have been plenty of Indians living on this side all summer. I hold meetings and Sunday School here when I do not go to Chilcat Mission for I do not wish to lose time when

there are so many souls to be saved. Besides the Indians all begged of me to open Sunday School here for all of Louis Paul's scholars lament their loss, those are the people who want me to open Sunday school here but I do not like to separate the Mission. There are no Indians at Chilcoat.

But I am bound to open God's word to those who are anxious to hear.

I suppose you know about Tillie and Louis Paul leaving the Chilcoat Mission. Stratonitch wants a white teacher sent to upper Chilcoat. My husband and my daughter wish to be remembered to you and Mrs. Jackson I join also in the same.

I remain

Your sister in Christ,
Sarah Dickinson.

Haines, Alaska.

August 28, 1913.

Dr. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother:

We have received your welcome letters and thank you for their words of cheer and friendship.

The life preserver also has been received and for it we thank you. You speak of Dr. Corlies success in hiring a mail carrier and proposing to give him all that he can save of the \$200. You mentioned the same before and at that time I wrote to Dr. Corlies telling him that you had wished it and I am glad it is so. If he has received my letter and I believe he has, he will be acquainted with your plan. I am glad he can make that out of it (\$200.00) his trouble with it is worth that I should think.

Two trips have been made. Our last mail must have weighed over 100 lbs.

Concerning those letters there are two points that I do not know if I have spoken to you about or not, any way as they are important and we would not like to see anything else in print I will repeat (?)

The letters we addressed to different persons and parties you know. Please see that they are all addressed. "My dear Friends" not "Dear young Friends". Mrs. Willard has spoken to me several times about it so I know she would not like it any other way.

Again, we noticed when the upper Chilcat Village is mentioned it has appeared in the printed letters "Willard" please be careful to have that changed for "Olock-won" or anything else that the name will be dropped.

As we are anxious that these changes should be made I have written concerning them the more fully.

You suggest that Miss Matthéw. may be taking the place

of servant girls.

Mrs. Willard has trained our two girls Fanny and Anne so that they do nearly all the work about the house and more than most good servants do. Miss Matthews taught them how to bake bread and wash so that they have things down to a fine point. Mrs. Willard has also taught them to sew on the machine. Fanny can run it with plain sewing as well as any one else. She sewed the biggest part of a pair of pants for Ned last week also her own clothes.

Miss Matthews has plenty of time for all the Mission work that it would be possible for any one to do. She had no expense here. She has had a share in training the children and often now comes around and takes the work out of the girls hands because she says she wants some exercise in house keeping.

We are all in good health and busy. We wish you could be with us for a while. Our life will compare in no way with our life at Sitka.

Mrs. Willard has been sick for a while over Mr. Hill's visit aggravating her heart trouble a considerable but has gotten over that.

Mr. Hill has been sending windows, doors, nails etc/ in little boxes, nothing, that I should have ordered had I had the putting up of the building. He says in a letter received by the last steamer that he proposed the building will be ready for use by the winter. There has not been anything done on this side so far save that the ground is ready. I have no authority as yet to touch it until I have and if Mr. Hill goes on with his operations will not take it off his hands. The way materials have been sent it will cost \$20. or \$25. to get them from the Cannery to the building, had he sent everything that was needed at one time the steamer would have brought them to our bay. Moreover he ought to know what is needed before sending, for instance he has sent 3d nails. I had 3 or 4 kegs here, enough for all the floors of the House. There are other things but as he is doing it it is some of my business.

I guess I have said enough. We all unite in sending kindest regards and Christian love to all the family.

Your Brother in Christ,

Eugene S. Willard.

Dear Dr. Jackson:

In this mail I send a short letter on the "Alaska Owl" with two sketches, to Editor Wide Awake. So you may please send the "Dish of the Owl" to that address at once and oblige

Yours truly,

Garrie M. Willard.

Jackson, Alaska.
August 26, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Yours of June 28, 1883, letter, bundle of papers etc., came duly by canoe over new (Star) route.

The fire extinguisher is very welcome to us and is a wonder to the natives. It seems a play on words if not a doubtful kindness to send such a valuable, beautiful gift with the hope that it may never be of use.

Permit me to say the sentence is from my annual report referring to reason for uncompleted quarters, as made to read when printed, is not correct. I had material added to what you were able to supply out of which I should have made comfortable winter quarters had there been no one here on whom to depend for such work and be disappointed. But that is all past now.

Thanks to your kindness and forethought all the same, the bundle of exchange very acceptable.

Your order for sticks was not in time for the last steamer, will try to get them off by October steamer the first and last opportunity this autumn.

The work on the mill is progressing, cannot tell when it will begin to manufacture lumber, it takes time to accomplish such in this country especially with small means and natives to do the work. Shalka has undertaken to carry the mail, but may throw up his contract any time. The first man who undertook the task made one trip, cost me \$10, because he broke his promise to carry my canoe, but if I do not get even with him he will be the first Idish to get far ahead. He said the Wrangle Indians laughed at him and Bob Arner at Klawack, told him he was crazy, all because they were told he got but \$30. for the trip. That was his business, not theirs.

We get on slowly with everything that shows improvement in the natives, yet a year has made a change in outward life, we hope in heart; others promise well but a month's hunt takes them back to wilderness again. But this the Master's work we will try to do what he entrusts to us knowing he will order results right. We find encouragement in the text "Tho' Israel be not saved yet shall I be glorious in the eyes of the Lord."

All join in kindest wishes.

Yours in the work,

J. Leonis Gould.

Dr. Sheldon Jackson

Jackson, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Aug. 26, 1883.

I sat down to write to you yesterday but Brother called

to know if I would take a canoe ride, and as I do not like to refuse taking the sunshine, of which we have so little, I went, then when we came back my time was taken up with some Indians who came in, so I did not get my letter written.

We went over to those islands which have your name. I gathered a small bunch of flowers which I send you as they are from Shelton Jackson Islands, Alaska.

Your letter came near being an interrogation point did it not?

Perhaps I was modeling when I wrote you about Mr. Chapman for personally he was very kind indeed.

I shall answer your questions as they come. Just what did he do last summer? No one knows for most of the time he was in his own house with the door locked.

A number of times Brother went to his house to see him and did not get in and he was surely inside.

Many days when the weather was good and Loomis expected him to work we would not see him at all. I think this answers your next question also.

I was sick four days, I believe, and Mr. Chapman taught them, beginning one hour later and dismissing much earlier than I did. He did not work regularly for the mission. After he returned from Sitka he was absent fishing a couple of weeks and erected a small fish house away on some point. Then he put up the frame of this house (after Brother had laid the beginning) and went to arrange and part of the house blew down while he was away. He made me a black board, but I did not get the seats made which I spoke of so often, I was ashamed, and which he saw tumble over nearly every Sunday, or rather which he saw the need of, by the tumbling over of the old ones.

Of course he may say he had no lumber. We did not have lumber to build this much of the house.

This summer he has worked some on this house, but he worked no more than three hours per day and some weeks we did not see him, this summer. Brother did all the telling himself, besides much of the outside work and roofing. I think you will know now whether he has done all he should or not.

As to the next question. Let me give you an example of his teachings to the people. One Sabbath after Brother had talked quite a while to the people telling them how important it was for them to work, and how great a sin idleness is etc. He asked Mr. Chapman to talk, as he always did. Mr. Chapman rose up and told them they must not work when it was cold, it was all right for them to stay in their houses, and that they must not work hard at all. Truly his teaching here was consistent with his living. Of course they should be careful of themselves but you know the mind of the Indian cannot grasp but one thing at a time, and what Mr. Chapman said just destroyed what Brother had said. And more than once I have heard Mr. Chapman in his talks to the people say there was no harm at all in the Indian medicine

men, they were all right. What they did was right.

One Sunday evening he got up to talk and he began to relate a story and got so much excited I do not think he knew at all what he was saying, he had an interpreter, and part of the time he talked in Chinook so the interpreter did not know whether to talk or not, and Mr. Chapman would hallow out "wana Bob, wana" (talk Bob talk). He was very willing to help in the services and when Brother was away he was very kind to us and conducted the services. I don't want to tell you all the bad, but I am just relating facts, and should he himself see this he would know it is true. Honestly Dr. Jackson I do not think he is at all times a sane man, often his mind seemed to be far off on something foreign to the surroundings.

Before he left he had a dream, he says, in which he dreamed of a place up the Yukon River where the gold was so abundant he could scrape it up with a knife and he told me there was where he was going, but he was in Portland last mail we had.

I feel a little as if I was not doing just right to tell you all this, as he has been kind to us personally. But you see what an influence is brought to bear upon the Indians by his talks and by his actions also.

We spent four days of last week down at the mill.

Our people are mostly away. They are getting salmon now, which are so abundant after only a few hours work they can bring in large canoe loads.

Rev. Hills stay of six weeks was a real pleasure to us. I would write much more but I fear it would be only an intrusion on your time.

We are enjoying splendid health. Have had unusually good weather this season. I think this has been the happiest year of my life for I feel as if I were helping a little at least in the great work.

The flowers did not press nicely but I enclose them. We have lovely wild flowers.

Your Sister in the Field,
Clara Gould.

Rossiter Farm, Alaska.

August 30, 1903.

Dear Mrs. Jackson:

I believe it was about this time last year that I wrote you from our camping ground. We are now located at this place about 6 miles from Fort Wrangell giving the children their vacation. We have a good house 12 x 24 feet which my husband and I occupy. Miss Rankin and the children make a sleeping room of the little stable. It is an

immense building and serves for a play room for the children. It has been raining every day but one since our arrival so you see the stable comes into good play. We left home the 21st expecting to stay two weeks -- but I am very much afraid we will run out of provisions. The fresh air and exercise gives the children ravenous appetites. I wish you could see the pot rulls they can stow away.

Our furniture consists of a bedstead and mattress two tables, a cupboard, some benches and a cooking stove. The girls have a fire in the outside shed, and are baking bread in an old fashioned refector, and Miss Rankin is baking in the stove. We can get game occasionally. This morning we had young duck fried. Yesterday a pot pie with a wild goose. Our garden is doing nicely and is in good order. The children are very handy at weeding. The red squirrels are eating our turnips. I am afraid we will not have many left. We were much surprised to hear that you are coming to Alaska. I feel like you, that it will be a great sacrifice to make, but I think you could do a great work here. I am desirous to know where you will locate. I wish the Youngs would go somewhere else and you could take care of our work. I think Bessie would enjoy teaching, as it is her desire to be a Missionary.

September 17, 1883.

The ship is expected tomorrow and I will add a few thoughts. My time is very precious now. Opened school last Monday 57 scholars and with housekeeping and letter writing every moment is occupied. But my health is most excellent now and I feel much interested in my work.

It is just a pleasure to close the school room door in the afternoon after having put in five faithful hours and feel you are free until next morning at 9 o'clock. Of course housekeeping and teaching is only an experiment, but I believe it will be better for my health. Mr. Young will not return until November but everything is moving on just as well if not better without them. I must quote a line from Mr. Young's letter about his wife. "It's just wonderful how Fanny can entertain her auditors. She can make them laugh and cry at will." Oh, how I wish I could hear her exaggerations and yet it would be sickening too. Well when the new administration comes we will see some changes here I think. For Aunt will resign if she is put in under the Youngs, and so would I. Well they can keep the Homes if they keep their place and get results in the schools. My husband and I can keep house and do our work heartily.

I do wish we could have a school room built off from the Home, and have about 3 rooms attached for housekeeping. If your husband had the running of it we would have it wouldn't we? But man proposes and God disposes.

I hope you will see your way clear to come to Alaska

I would love to write more but must close for this time. When you come there are many things I will talk of that I cannot write. Husband unites with me in kind remembrance to you and Doctor.

Lovingly,

Maggie M. McFarland.

This certifies that Rev. Shelton Jackson, D. D. is a minister in good and regular standing in the Presbytery of Santa Fe and is now at his own request dismissed to unite with the Presbytery of Alaska to whose fraternal affection and fellowship he is hereby cordially commended.

Done by order of Presbytery this 10th day of August 1883.

Attest

J. Mc. Gaughey.

Stated Clerk of Presbytery of Santa Fe.

I hereby certify that this is a true copy.

O. D. Eaton.

New York, N. Y.

September 10, 1883.

Heines, Alaska.

September 11, 1883.

Dr. Shelton Jackson,

New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

I do not know whether Mr. or Mrs. Willard are writing to you this mail or not. But thought I would write a short letter anyway. We are all as well as usual.

I am regaining strength, and eager to be at work again. The people are still all away, and will not probably be back until October, and I have only our three. I just hear them say lessons at home. I wish I could have been at the upper village this summer, after Louis and Tillie left for there were plenty of children there, yet I have never been there yet. I don't think I would be afraid to stay there if there was some one to speak for me.

I can not carry on a conversation with them though I can understand some, and they will try to talk to me.

I think most of the people are gone from the salmon canneries now, and are nearly all at the upper village, they have all been so busy getting fish for the canneries, they were so intent on getting all the money they could that it was well nigh impossible to get a canoe

to go to the upper village. In some respects I am afraid the summeries will bring harm to the people with what good they may bring the country. Some of our women have already gone wrong, and this greed for money which has possessed them. There has been so much competition.

I only had the work to see to for a little while when Mrs. Willard was sick and the children had just come and had not learned. Fanny the one who has been so long with Mrs. Willard was away then and came back afterward.

I think it was well enough I had plenty to take up my mind and time for it seemed to give me new life and interest. I had been so very miserable in Sitka, and all there was to do would nothing if I had been well and strong.

I was almost in doubt as to whether I had better come on here or go home, perhaps if I had had the money I would have gone home, and it was just as well I did not have it for I am able to hold my own now with any of them, so far as nerve will go. I only wish I had been differently educated, learned something that I did not and left some things unlearned that I did. I am sorry if any one wrote about of my having so much to do, to you. You have so many worries of your own and I do so dislike anything like publicity, that is one thing I did not fully realize when I came, it did not strike me so forcibly until my sister spoke of having to give me up to the whole church. Sure enough we in our work do belong to the church, they have a right to our best, with God's help they shall have my best. Still I would rather do it as quietly as possible in every way.

I always like to get in a corner and in some ways this is a corner and in other ways it is not, you can not remain unknown and to yourself if you wish. I only hope my father's daughter will never do anything that he would disapprove.

September 12, 1863.

I did not quite finish my letter yesterday and though I expect it is quite as long as you have time to bestow upon it am going to trespass still more.

It is just a year today that I first reached Sitka with you, I always think of the journey with pleasure. Your kindness made it so, but the year just passed seems like five. If they all drag so life, ever short though it may be will seem an eternity, and in most respects the year has been disappointing. I feel as if I had accomplished nothing.

I did not teach while in Sitka for a reason for which I could not easily explain to you, but I did all I could besides conscientiously, and I had just got well started in school here when the people went away. I must think it is all right and as God wills but sometimes I feel like a caged bird. I never wished to be a man till lately.

There is so much to be done here that only a man could do and I feel so helpless and useless. If I were a man I could follow the people and go among them as I cannot do now. Pardon me with troubling you with such thoughts. One of my sisters died the last of March. She left three little children.

I think that has made me a little rebellious sometimes and a thought has intruded itself, that perhaps we mistake the promptings of our own will and our own wishes for the leading of providence.

God knows, but I am here with His help. I will try to see that it is not in vain and will hope that some one will be helped and made happier for my coming.

I put in a few of our ferns and mosses, perhaps Mrs. Jackson or your daughters might like them.

Sincerely,

Bessie L. Matthews.

Sitka, Alaska.

September 11, 1888.

Dear Dr. Jackson:

The steamer is now due and I have so much to do and have so many interruptions when she is here I will begin my letter now and finish after her arrival. We opened our school on September 8th and have an average attendance of sixty scholars. Many of the Indians are away from the ranch and we have had and will have very few from there for two months or more. Sent thirteen boys off today to spear dog salmon to put up for winter use. We have no net and this is the only thing I can do under the circumstances.

Mrs. Austin has been quite sick the past two weeks with chills and fever. She seems better now, but has no appetite. I suppose the cause to be grading the grounds around the house. It has rained nearly all summer and we have a quagmire in front of the door facing Mr. Haley's house.

Last week with six of the small boys I cut a ditch on that end of the house connecting it with the one in the back, covered it with plank and filled in on each side with gravel. The plank cover forms a walk to the school room and church. Think our drainage is about perfect now.

Captain Merriman called to see me yesterday to see if some way could not be devised to send several Russian women of the vilest class to some house of correction. They are the go-betweens between the Hoo-kinee makers and the Indians, cause more trouble than all other parties combined and he has no authority to punish them, except to put them into the guard house when drunk and disorderly for a short time. He wished me to write to you about the matter. He

expects his relief on this steamer, and will probably speak to you in reference to it when he sees you. The distance from the Home to Blarney stone 150 feet, to Brady's hill 300 feet. It is wet and marshy from the bottom of the hill towards the Davis road for about 100 feet. Have cleared the brush from the land, some 200 feet extending from said road towards the hill, will clear out the stumps at all times when the boys get into the school again.

We have two large rafts of wood in and want to get another. After the steamer we shall take down and raft up the old store house etc. at old Sitka and put up a wood house. While the boys were burning a large pile of brush last Monday Mr. Styles walked out with our fire extinguisher and put out their ok-lane (big) fire, to their great astonishment. They can't understand how such a little medicine puts out such a large fire. It works splendidly and it is a great relief to my mind to feel that we have something in the house to fight a fire, if we should ever be unfortunate as to need it.

I send a letter to Fitchfield by this steamer. We have one of them packed as directed and will forward it to Rev. Mr. Willard by first opportunity. Expect some lumber up by this steamer to build a cistern, also wagon and uniform clothing for the boys from what Mr. Hill wrote me last month. Have not heard from the Sprague. Mr. Brady is in San Francisco, expected to return by October steamer.

If Mr. Young and Gould should be aboard of that steamer and he should go to Chilkat first they will probably hold their meeting to form Presbytery there, to save Mr. Willard a trip to Sitka, as he might not be able to return so late in the season.

Now is the time to send Christmas presents to have them reach us in time.

We have had a very poor attendance at our Sabbath services through the war. Many of our boys are very thoughtful and I think Rudolph is a true christian. He is praying for his companions and for his father and mother. I feel greatly encouraged in my work as I feel God's Holy Spirit is striving with the people.

Pray for us. Love from all.

Your brother,
A. M. Austin.

Fort Wrangle, Alaska,
Sept. 13, 1893.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother:

Yours of August 14th was received three days ago

I am much obliged for the scraps of news from "inside workings" But as you say "change" see a to be the order of the day. We are likely to have saw mills enough for there is a man here, come up this steamer who represents a Company in San Francisco, came to select a site near Wrangel to put up a large steam saw mill. He said they can furnish lumber for our buildings cheaper than we can possibly have it sawed.

Of course we will have to winter in this house. I look forward to it with great dread for I know what a cold house this is. But water will be our greatest trouble in the winter. Mrs. Young expects to bring her mother with her and Mr. Young writes that if they way opens up they "will bring an assistant along for Fannie". I wonder where they will put them all. (Don't you let them know I wrote you this) I have asked for coal stoves for the house. Do not know whether I will get them or not. Coal fires would make this house much warmer. Oh no I could not think of sending any of my girls off. We will get along some way. Mr. Young now writes that they will not be home until November after sending notices to all the missionaries to meet in Sitka next month, so this ago, to organize the Presbytery.

I expect there will be wonderful developments after all this lecturing. You must let me know where you expect to live if you come to Alaska, or what you expect to do. I am sorry to send you such a short letter but am suffering with headaches so I can hardly write. Tillie calls her boy "Samuel Kendall".

Much love to Mrs. Jackson and the girls.

Faithfully yours,

A. B. McFarland.

Newcastle, Penn.

September 18, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother:

The enclosed letter is forwarded to you hoping it will be some encouragement in reference to the book, as well as to show the interest taken in the Chiloat Mission.

Will you be kind enough to let me know whether the money for the boat was paid over, as the question is often asked of me. Daughter, in a letter received sometime ago, speaks of receiving the second first sent by you.

A letter from Daughter, written in August, left them in improved health except little Carrie who was suffering from ulceration of throat. Suppose you have more news then will not therefore write particulars.

The letters "Hudson's Bay" were received.

Yours truly

A. Kille.

This letter should not be returned.

Wilmington, Delaware.
Sept. 14, 1893.

My dear Mrs. White:

I have been thinking of some time of again writing to you as I could know something about the book, is it really to be published? And how soon will it be out? I am so anxious to have it and think it a book that will sell well, certainly it ought to in Northern Illinois, and we will make a great effort to sell it.

I received a long letter, three sheets and a half of paper, from Mrs. Eugene S. Willard and I read it at our society meeting and then sent it to the ministers wife of the First Church in Joliet for her to read at her Society Meeting and requested her to send it to the Society of the Central Church and then return it to me and then I have promised to send it to Minneapolis, Minn to a Society that are interesting themselves in the Willards, and then I sometimes think it ought to be published, so that more Societies could have the benefit of the letter, for Mrs. Willard tells what they need and what Societies can do, so that it will be a help to those who do not know just what to do and how to do it.

Our Sunday School has used the childrens money for years to buy their own books, papers etc. but now there is a change and the church will support the Sunday School just as they support the minister, and all the contributions are to go to some benevolent object or to Missions and the Superintendent was talking with us about where we would send it, and he and I both said we would do all that we could to have our Sunday School send all their money to Willard's mission, and we are to have a vote on the subject soon, but not until we send the things away that we are now getting ready in our Society for Eugene and his helpers to have for a Christmas tree for their school. We want to send them the first of October so that they will be sure to receive them before it is too late for them to have a Christmas tree.

It is surprising to see how readily children will go to work at anything of the kind, they are much more enthusiastic than their parents; for Mrs. White, this church of ours in this little old town is not much of a missionary church, the interest is only with a very very few, but if we can educate the children to giving to Missions and learn them all we can about the work, it is to be hoped that the coming men and women of this church will have more "love for souls".

If it is convenient please let me hear from you.
Accept my kindest regards.

Very truly yours,

Am. M. C. White.

P. S. Perhaps I have signed myself in the past Mr. A. J. W. I just mention it so that if I did you will know whom I am.

Bloomington, Pa.

Sept. 25, 1833.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Rev. & Dear Sir:

I am truly sorry that so long a time has elapsed since the receipt of your letter of the 18th of August. The reason of my delaying an answer was owing, in part, to my absence from home, and in part to my waiting for the meeting of our Board subsequent to our Missionary Anniversary.

We have resolved to send, if possible, one of our Ministers to Alaska to examine the ground and report. Hence I would beg you to answer the following questions:

1. Would it be better to wait until Spring before such an exploratory tour is undertaken, or could it be conveniently and safely undertaken this fall. In case we wait until Spring we would probably try and find some one to accompany the explorer and, if a suitable opening is found, to remain in Alaska and begin the work.

2. What is the best and most expeditious route to Alaska?

3. What would be about the expense of a journey to and back from that country?

On Wednesday of next week I will have to leave home and will be about probably six or seven weeks. If you could answer this letter prior to my departure, I would be very thankful. I think a lecture on Alaska would be very appropriate; but I would suggest that it be postponed until after my return about the beginning of winter.

Very fraternally yours,
Wm. M. Schwalb.

Bloomington, Pa.

Sept. 26, 1833.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

At the meeting of the Home Missionary Society tonight I was commissioned to write you about delivering a lecture. The subject of circulating petitions concerning the Government of Alaska was taken up and the opinion of the ladies was,

that greater results would follow if the people were better informed, and I write to ask if you can come and lecture for us. Our plan is to secure the opera house, and charge an admission fee, all receipts above expenses (including your own of course, will be given to one of the Alaska schools.

Can you come? Do so, if possible.

Please let me know of your plans as early as possible.

Yours truly,

Eliza J. Brewster.

Boston, Mass.

Sept. 23, 1933.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

At the request of Secretary Dickinson I write to say that the next meeting of our Mass. Teachers Association will be held at the Girls High School Building, Newton street Boston commencing Thursday evening December 27 and closing at about 1 O'clock Saturday December 29, 1933.

If you desire it, I shall be happy to mail you a programme in advance of the meeting and to give you any other information which you may desire.

Respectfully,

Alfred Baker,
Treasurer.

Utica, N. Y.

September 23, 1933.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Utica Branch this afternoon, in speaking of the wants of Hyak Mission, I told the ladies what you said about a boat being needed for the Mission.

Miss Gilbert wished me to write to you and ask how much a boat suitable for their wants would cost. She thinks we would raise the money for one before our annual meeting which is October 10th. I could put in the \$34.75 from my Sabbath school and we think we know of enough more if it does not come too late.

If we do raise the money, would it not be better to send it direct to Hyak to Mr. Gould. We do not wish our funds to meet with a fate like the steam launch money.

The ladies also determined to furnish Mrs. Gould

domestic help but we do not wish her salary cut down to pay this expense.

If you will answer by return mail about the boat, we shall be very glad.

I cannot find the sweet little letter of Mrs. Willards I promised to send you. Perhaps as it was a private letter it is just as well, but it was so full of genuine poetry that it ought to see the light.

Hoping that the Lord will spare you many years and grant you great wisdom in your blessed work. I remain

Very truly your friend,
H. E. Morse.

Jackson, Alaska.
October 3, 1893.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Jackson:

Yours of August 4th came by September canoe which arrived on the 2nd O. K. except the carriers sometime allow the mails to get wet. I propose a canvas box to put the mail sack into.

We will try to comply with your request pertaining to school reports.

All things considered I had concluded to erect the mill if permitted to do so at the stream chosen by Mr. Hill.

Mr. McLeod has missionary spirit but is not well content to remain in Alaska tho' my feel differently in time, do not know how his wife might vote on the question.

We had ordered a stamp for the office but it is not right to have not used it. Some of the Tongas Indians have visited here, are very anxious for a mission to be established at the old Government buildings, say Cape Fox and Kasan would join them, say the young men promised to help bear expenses of fuel lights etc. after established, etc.

Fishing hunting and oil making are favorable so our people are slow returning to town permanently. We have some here all the time. The expenses on the fire extinguisher and chemicals to Wrangal was \$15.00 our half \$7.20 if we charge for canoe express \$3.00 more to here.

I have gotten the cedar sticks for your friend, found it necessary to go myself as it is not easy to find perfect sticks. Will try to send them by October steamer, could not have been sent earlier after receipt of your order.

Thanks for the maps also for bundle of exchanges.

All desire to be kindly remembered

Yours in Gospel work,
J. Leckie Gould.

Jackson, Alasca.

October 2, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother:

I write again this day on the eve of starting of the mail to speak of and at the request of, Skult-ka. A thing subsisted this morning which I fore saw. Mr. Hill bought from Mr. Chapman the little house he has built on the point directing Mr. McLeod to dispose of it to the Indians. He sold it to a Klingman man. Skult-ka's brother wanted it but they were not able to trade. Skult-ka says Mr. Chapman had already sold him one half of the house. Asks me to see him paid, also for a trip to Wrangell which cost him six weeks with a winter crew, also for a trip to Klawack with Mr. Chapman and carrying doors, windows nails, felt & st. for the mission, also for a trip to Subquana &c. &c. &c. He has frequently giving me to understand how much he did for Mr. Chapman and the mission and the promises made him.

I positively refused Mr. Chapman and Brother Hill to look after or be responsible for the house or Mr. Chapman's property or business here.

I told Skult-ka nothing, that I can do for him for the town or people in the right way I will, he understands my promises and knows what to expect.

I write this not to complain but to let you see some things in our way. I will be thankful if you will call the attention of the Secretaries to this little matter. There seems to be an impression that these people will do all they promise and do all they are asked to do. I have learned it is not safe to allow myself to be in any way under obligations to them. A hot-latch or a gratuitous canoe ride obligates me to something much larger, the eyes is he who can give the hint.

If they were to take me to Fort Shapson for the benefit of their town that I might get knowledge to use for them it would sound well to say that they did it free, but I would be expected to grant them the first reward they might see fit to make. The only way is to keep a clear straight account I can persuade to almost anything, but there is always a here after to it, tis better they understand my promises, that is how they are to be helped.

Mr. McLeod professes to be greatly disappointed in some of his expectations. I can say, as far as the natives are concerned, I am not since the first few days. Am glad I can rely on some of them more than I could one year since. I am sorry if the impression is made or permitted with the natives that any person connected with the mission work makes promises not to be fully redeemed.

Yours in the Gospel,

J. Loomis Gould.

Juneau, Alaska

October 3, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother:

In about two weeks I expect to leave here for Takoo Harbor; this moving the household goods of a family by canoe perhaps in a driving rain storm is at least not a holiday excursion.

But with what different feeling we go this year with a good house there waiting for us.

I hope that before long I shall have the pleasure of welcoming you and your wife at this house.

If the Lord will, we hope to go East on the April steamer. Many thanks for your kind offer of assistance for a reduction of fare, lower fare would be acceptable for my purse is not long, but if the reduction is obtained from a worldly corporation as a favor to the cause of Christ I will have to decline your kind offer of assistance. I feel, personally, that as a servant of the King of Kings I cannot dishonor his name by asking assistance on the ground of being his servant from those who are "against" Him. We read that the children of Israel were given to us for examples and we see that when ever they applied even to a friendly worldly power for assistance instead of to the Lord, they failed or were defeated.

If the reduction is not obtained under the aforesaid plea, I will gladly accept it and thank you for your interest and trouble on my behalf.

Being so well acquainted with me I know that you will not take any offence at my stating my convictions so plainly. If I have not debarred myself from receiving the reduction, let me know the amount necessary and I will send the check at once. I expect to leave here on the April steamer.

I can see an improvement in the work here from last year for which I thank the Lord.

Mrs. Corlies joins me in much love to Mrs. Jackson and yourself.

Fraternally yours in Christ,
W. H. Corlies.

Bloomburg, Pa.

Oct. 3, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

I sent you a letter dated September 26, in which I stated that, as corresponding Secretary of our Woman's Home Missionary Society, I wrote to ask if you could lecture for us

and how soon. We wish to commence the circulation of the petitions for securing a government for Alaska and thought it advisable to have you inform the people here of the necessity for that government. Our plan is to secure the opera house, charging an admission fee and give all proceeds to one of the Alaska schools. We are very anxious to hear from you before Thursday evening, the 11th inst. Can you come? Please direct your reply to Mrs. D. Y. Waller, Jr., Bloomsburg, Pa as I will be out of town.

Yours truly,
Eliza J. Brewster

Resolutions passed by the Synod of the Columbia
October 3, 1863.

Whereas -- certain reports have extensively circulated by secular papers touching the ability and faithfulness of our Missionaries in Alaska.

Resolved -- that the Synod of the Columbia, having heard of these reports, desires to express its sense of the injustice and evident malice indicated by the correspondent of the St. Louis Globe Democrat in the following excerpt:-

"At Sitka and along shore the missionaries and the Indians have great times together, and thro' unfortunate choice in its agents the Presbyterian Board has not accomplished all the good that it might among these peaceful, happy-go-lucky natives. The Rev. Sheldon Jackson came up and organized a mission, and then went East to work up the interest of the good people. Boxes of clothing and books came up on every steamer sent by pious old ladies and good Sunday school children in the East, and the Indians believed that verily a providence cared for them. The mission buildings burned and before a new one could be erected the leading missionary took up his talents and ink bottle and joined partnership with a trader. He has prospered beyond all measure in his commercial venture and though others have taken his place in the soul saving work, the Indians have now a grain of skepticism among them and fully believe that the boxes of goods and all the articles in his store are things that have been sent for them from the Missionary Societies of the East. Unfortunately the Missionaries will not live at peace with their white neighbors, and the story of missionary greed and worldliness that one hears are appalling. The reverend gentleman in charge of one of these stations on this coast calmly said in my presence that there was a great temptation for the missionaries to relapse into traders or exercise the dual functions and that without doubt many had come into the Alaska field in order that they might make or save more money. Although most of the white residents are

guarded in their statements: enough is heard on all sides to put some of these teachers of Christianity in a sad doubtful light".

Resolved -- further, that after long acquaintance with the character of our Missionary work in Alaska, we gladly express full confidence in our Missionaries and give cheerful testimony of their personal worth and fidelity.

That in the midst of discouragements and danger they have shown the most exalted types of devotion and christian heroism.

That it is the unanimous voice of this Synod that they are well entitled to the generous and cordial support of the Presbyterian Church and all true lovers of humanity.

Resolved that this action be sent for publication to the Presbyterian Home Missionary and the various denominational papers -- and that the secular journals which have published the injurious statements of the Globe Democrat correspondent are respectfully requested to make the amends honorable by publishing this action of the Synod of the Columbia.

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Oct. 9, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Sitka, Alaska.

Dear Brother:

Your letter written on Board steamer came duly to hand. I found on looking over my receipts that one of \$200.00 had been overlooked by Mr. Boyd when he gave you what he supposed was in the treasury. I received the contribution from the Franklin Avenue church (\$21.) and Mr. Ham secured the \$100. Mr. Loomis promised as the 15th hundred (altho' he demurred somewhat as the 1400 had not been raised. He seemed so afraid it would not be a success) and after some delay on account of Mr. Eaton's absence we received a line from Mr. Boyd Thursday (October 5) saying \$217. would be sent you that day. Oh. I wish the \$3,000 was all paid in as well as money for the steam launch. These things move so slowly to our poor short sighted vision, but God our heavenly Father has charge of all, praise His dear name and will surely accomplish his purpose and build up our nation according to his mind at the same time.

You have been in our thoughts and in our hearts daily since you left us as well as the work you have gone to accomplish, with its difficulties and perplexities.

When the news came about the Willards there was a stirring in the camp as well as in our hearts. Peter like, I wanted to rush out with your letter to the D. . . who see no need for steam launches, saw mills and other appliances to

Successful Missionary work among uncivilized people. But beside indignation our hearts were overwhelmed at the sufferings of these dear servants of the Master and the peril they were in. Is it only at such a costly sacrifice that the Church of God will be aroused at the responsibility in his blessed work of carrying the gospel to the heathen?

We have been praying earnestly that God would spare the precious life, and give wisdom and strength to the dear friends at Sitka who are nursing the feeble life and caring for the dear family. A notice of the need for a launch is to be put in our paper. I have received \$35, towards it. \$30.00 from our "Faith Home".

Mr. Hunt has been trying to get free transportation of Missionary boxes to Alaska and it has given no considerable writing. Nine boxes have been reported for the New Home at Sitka which we hope will reach there by November. We understand it requires about 30 days for transportation to Portland. I think all these boxes will be in time for the November boat.

Tell all the dear friends that we remember them in our meetings at 23 Centre Street. You know what busy days these are, but there is almost always time taken for a special prayer for Alaska and we will all carry them in our hearts to our homes.

They are very dear to us all. Just now we are burdened with prayer for the coming Synodical meeting at Utica. Negotiations are being made with the New York Society in regard to union with Executive Committee. There is a special meeting this P. M. at the rooms, which will be the third one held this month. Mr. Lorimer Graham died after a brief illness last month. This Union must come now and if the opposition which has hindered it so long is not withdrawn God will remove it out of the way. I am confident He will answer the prayers that have been so long been going out for this.

Excuse this closely written page.

Very sincerely yours, In Christ,
Cornelia E. Hunt.

East Springfield, N. Y.
Oct. 9, 1883.

Rev. Dr. Sheldon Jackson,
My dear Brother:

My heart was delighted and my anxieties greatly relieved at the reception last week, Tuesday, of Mrs. Willard's quarterly letter for our Sabbath School, which we had been looking for in vain for three long months. Our families could not understand it nor could explain to Sunday School the cause of the delay. We feared Mrs. Willard's health, perhaps, was not adequate to the task of writing etc.

Knowing your many cares and press of business we accept your apologies, still wondering (as heretofore) why not now, was not the letter sent by Mrs. Willard directly to the School.

I have found two young ladies sufficiently unoccupied as to be willing to copy it and the first letter today and tomorrow I will forward them both with this provision that the original letter I forward be carefully used and when done with by you be returned to me, as the school is anxious to retain it in its archives every letter of Mrs. Willards in her own handwriting or as it is sent from the Mission.

A copy of the 1st letter I have sent previously either to yourself or Mrs. Willard's mother. The copy of it I send now, you need not return but please return the letter of May 8th and greatly oblige.

I hope to be at Synod next week and meet you. Will I have the pleasure of meeting Rev. S. Hall Young and wife?

Our ladies still feel the deepest interest in the Alaska Missions especially the one at Chilikat under the care of Mr. and Mrs. Willard in whom they place their warmest love and confidence.

Yesterday I received the 10 copies of picture of Mrs. Willard and daughter all correct.

Yours fraternally in Christ and Home Missions,
P. P. Sanbourne.

Haines, Alaska.

Oct. 11, 1883.

Dr. Sheldon Jackson?

Dear Friend:

Your letter of August 24th received September 19th. Very glad to hear from you, especially that there is a possibility of your coming to Alaska, and while I wish we had the Home now and could take the children for the winter, I cannot but think it is for the best. I hope you can be here to see about the building of it. I expect you wont feel very thankful to me for wishing to aid to your work.

I received the two checks safely, one for \$100. and one for \$1.25. Mr. Downing the purser on the Idaho cashed the \$100. check but would not cash the other so I sent it to Mr. Austin and Mr. D. can cash it for him sometime again. It would be better perhaps if they could have smaller checks as he does'nt seem to have much change left by the time he reaches us and he seems to be our only resource.

This months steamer will be our last until spring. There may be one in February.

You do not owe me anything for the carpet and bowl and pitcher for they came within the one hundred and fifty allowed

by the Beard.

We have been having very pleasant weather for a week or so, but it is more getting ready for the usual steamer storm. I think it has been stormy almost every steamer.

One of our Indians says "the first snow will fall when it is half moon, and plenty of snow when full moon" but I think he will miss his first guess unless this rain should turn into snow.

Fresh snow has already fallen on the mountains. Altogether it has been an unusually cold rainy summer. I went with Mrs. Dickinson and Mr. Willard to the upper village what a journey it is to go that distance. We started on Thursday about four o'clock in the afternoon, camped that night at the lower village, slept in Jacks house, there were only twenty three of us. It was a new and strange experience to me. I wish I could write of all I saw just as I saw it.

The scenes next morning were intensely interesting. We traveled all day Friday after getting out and walking on the sand flats, while they would tow the canoe which was Mrs. Dickinson's large Hydab canoe.

Such a river as it is, much of the time the bottom of the canoe would be grating on the sand. It did sound odd to hear our helpus man ask when we were on the way home "Gu-su Heen" "Where is the water"? We were in the middle of the river then which at that place was at least two miles wide I said there seemed to be plenty of it but we might without watchfulness be on one of the many shallow places and the channel is constantly changing. We camped the second night on one of the many wooded islands reaching the upper village about two o'clock the next day, Saturday.

The journey of thirty miles thus taking almost two days, having both wind and current against us. The men had to pole almost all the way.

We camped in the mission house and the people came to see us. The children wanted me to hear them read and we heard them say their catechisms and sang with them.

We had service on Sunday in one of the native houses they carried the little organ down and many came to hear it. I also saw many Indian houses and a feast, but I could not tell all. I'll put in some more mosses for any one who might like them.

Sincerely,
Bessie L. Matthews.

Haines, Alaska.
Oct. 11, 1893.

Dr. Sheldon Jackson:

Dear Brother: We are expecting the last steamer of the

season to put in appearance at almost any time. I expect to see nearly all of the Missionaries of board, bound for Sitka. I will not be able to accompany them as the Indians are just returning from the camps and villages. The winter is getting in there is much work yet to be done that I have been impossible to have Indians do until now.

Miss Matthews' long vacation, which she has spent mainly in the woods hunting for mooses etc. and writing, will soon end as the children will be ready for school.

I have fastened up the house at the upper village, have brought down the organ. I have been thinking that Ben, the son of Shatevitch who is now at "Forest Grove" Indian School would probably make a good teacher among his own people. The old chief received a letter by the last mail which I read to him. Ben says that if his father wants him to come up in the spring he must let him go back a while as he wants to learn more. If you come on in the Spring I wish you would examine him.

A party of miners have returned from the interior and report nothing, others are expected soon.

I have been looking at the map which you sent me by last mail and find that there is an island just across Dall Island which goes by the name of Long, while across Howean straits from Dall you have another marked Long. If I am mistaken in the idea that there should not be two Long Islands so close to each other please correct me.

If some one else has made a mistake I would suggest that the island be called Brady or something.

I do not know how I am to know when the steamer comes in this time as there are no Indians at the cannery. If it was't not quite so far I would put up a telephone. 3 miles is too much for my pocket.

Mrs. Willard beside the children, has a little sick Indian baby on her hands so she cannot get them free to write much for as you said in Sitka, she finds that the management falls on her. She joins me in sending kindest regards and christian love to yourself and family.

----- Eugene S. Willard.

New York, N. Y.

Oct. 13, 1833.

Hon. Henry M. Teller,
Secretary of the Interior,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In response to your request of the 12th ulto. I mail you a copy of "Among the Alaskans" and call your special attention to chapter 13th (pages 298--308). I think you will also be interested in Chapters 4 and 11. Also pages 140--142; 160--162; 179.

A copy of the treaty between Russia and the United States you will find in "Diplomatic Correspondence 1867 Part 1 page 389. The same is in Ball's "Alaska & its resources" page 380.

Article 3 of that treaty stipulates that "all the inhabitants" except the "uncivilized Indians" shall be admitted to all the rights and privileges of American citizens. This includes the Aleuts as well as Creoles. These classes number several thousand. Up to the present time this article remains unfulfilled.

Ex-President Hayes in his last Annual message (Dec. 1st, 1890) and President Arthur in his message of Dec. 6th, 1891 recommend "equitable legislation".

In diplomatic correspondence 1867 Part 1. Pages 404-405 among the public property transferred to the United States is mentioned "dock-yards, barracks, hospitals and schools".

In the annual report of the Board of Indian Commissioners 1869 page 159 and 1870 page 145 request is made for an educational appropriation of \$100,000 for Indian education with the understanding that \$50,000 could be used for Alaska at the discretion of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs. See Annual report Board of Indian Commissioners 1872, page 18.

You will find the above and see other action of the Government concerning education in Alaska, thrown together and published in Senate Ex. Doc. 30, 47th Congress 1st session.

I enclose in this letter H. R. Document No. 78 47th Congress 1st session which presents the question in a nut shell.

By the way, I have found General Estlin the Hon. Commissioner of Bureau of Education the best informed of all the public men in Washington in Alaska matters and I have reason to know that he has given special attention to the question of Education in Alaska.

In consideration I want you to consider the possibility of increasing your appropriation from \$25,000 to \$50,000. \$50,000 was the amount asked for 1890 and asked for by the President in his special message to Congress of Feb. 13, 1892. Congress voted more than that last session for a new vessel for the Coast Survey to be used in Alaska waters & the Revenue Marine will ask the next Congress for more than that for a vessel for Alaska and why should not education receive \$50,000.

I think it can be had if asked for.

\$50,000 will enable you to place \$25,000 in a training school at Sitka of 150 boys and girls at \$167. each; the same as allowed at Hampton. We have about 700 children now in the day schools in the Alexandrian Archipelago, so that there will be no trouble in filling the Sitka Training School at the opening to 150 or even 200 if desired.

The remaining \$25,000 can be used in opening schools of 75 each at Unalakleet and the Interior. However as they have no day schools to recruit from, it can be expended wisely the first year in the establishment of day schools.

If we succeed it cannot fail to be a source of gratification to you in future years, that your administration gave Alaska a government and a school system.

With great respect I remain

Yours truly,

Sheldon Jackson.

Sitka, Alaska.

Oct. 15, 1903.

Dear Dr. Jackson:

Since I wrote you last month I have had the chills and fever. Yesterday I took seventeen grains of quinine. This forenoon I assisted Miss Linnie in the school and had to take to my bed this P. M.

As the steamer is due I will try and write a few lines to you tonight. You are so kind to write us and your letters are so full of sympathy, they always cheer and strengthen us in our work. The letter paper, paper, extracts, etc. etc. reached us safely. Many thanks for the same. I sent a requisition for duck clothing to Mr. Hill last month. The uniform clothing is kept for Sunday etc.

Have not heard from Mrs. Sprague. I fear we will not be able to raft any logs this fall or winter. Have rafted in the store house from old Sitka and landed it on the beach above high tide. Mr. Styles with two or three boys is at work on the cistern, the rest of them I have at work grading the ground on the opposite side of the Davis road. Will carry out your directions in regard to shade trees.

Mrs. Austin, Linnie and Mr. Styles will apply for their letters from their respective churches through you. I forgot to say that I think we can get the ground prepared for building by the time it is needed. We are taking in children as fast as suitable ones can be obtained. Shall be able to get them more freely as soon as winter sets in.

Capt. J. B. Coughlin will carry out the policy inaugurated by Captain Glass -- a little more so if anything. After the steamer arrives he will compel the Indian children to attend school. At present we have an attendance of eighty scholars, twenty of them being Russians although Mr. Cashimiroff, the Priests assistant has started a school in the Fathers house, a few left us when he opened his school, compelled to do so I suppose, but so many remaining is a straw showing in which way the wind is blowing. Read your article on the "Hydiah Tribe" last night in the "Illustrated

Weekly. We had a canoe load of them up here this week and the Indians here turned out in force to show them what an oklane (big) church they had. Miss Tom was present with all her rings, bangles etc. and a Boston bonnet that cost twelve dollars Union Square and 5th Avenue are no war.

Oct. 23, 1888.

Your letter of dismission received all right. No. Presbytery here this fall. Will see Mr. Haltern about lumber. You had better send me the different kinds and amount of each. D. Mc. Farland and his at Fort Wrangle crazy. Mr. Brady back and fighting the steam boat Company. No postage stamps in town. Steamer leaves at 3 A. M. and I must close to get my mail off.

Your Hasty Brother,
A. E. Austin.

Juneau, Alaska.

Oct. 19, 1888.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson

Dear Brother:

We left Portland October 8th and have just arrived here where I find several Hoonah Indians so I think that I shall soon be settled with them for the winter and saw Rev. A. W. Hill at Portland but he did nearly nothing for me. While at Wrangel Mr. and Mrs. McFarland gave me several good things for my mission school. They have awakened up and have created some excitement. Miners get excited sometimes and go wild when they find a rich mine so why have they not a right to go wild if finding treasures worth more than all the world. I hope that you will approve of the letter that I send to Mr. H. E. Boyd. I feel that I am to have a good school and meetings at Hoonah.

Your Brother in Christ,
J. A. Chapman.

Fort Wrangel, Alaska.

Oct. 23, 1888.

Dear Dr. Jackson:

Yours of September 8th is just received.

I am always glad to get your letters. I also received the maps and Mrs. J. McN. Wright's book. Why did you not send me the price of the book. Of course when I asked you to send it I expected to pay for it. I was surprised when Youngs wrote this mail that they would not be home until December. If they knew the trouble we were in I think they might feel it was their duty to be home. I need not write you much of this distressing affair.

Others have written more particulars. I feel there is no doubt about Ft. Mc. Farland and his wife both being deranged. What is going to be the result of it all is a puzzling question. Yes I felt very sorry about Louis and Tillie leaving Chilcat. I think they would like to go to Tongas. I had talked to them about Roberts, but now Mr. Young writes the Board is about to appoint his brother to that place. I was surprised to see Mr. Chapman back, you must excuse this poor letter, I am so hurried.

Love to Mrs. Jackson.

Very truly

A. R. McFarland.

Fort Wrangle, Alaska.

Oct. 25, 1893.

Dr. Sheldon Jackson.

Dear Sir:

Your letter received this last mail. Steamer was late coming this month. I received a check from the Board, settlement in full for the year. I thought there was a little more coming than what was sent, but I cannot try to rectify it if there is any mistake, as all my accounts were burned so will have to be content with what I received.

It is the Lord's work and if I don't get it perhaps it will do good elsewhere. If you wish you may call an island by my name.

Doctor, by the time this reaches you other letters will have been received by different members of the board telling of the state of affairs in our Mission and as I am very deeply interested in the matter I want to write to you as a friend asking of you should Mrs. A. R. McFarland's resignation be accepted you will be kind enough to have my situation changed to the Chilcat Home. I have written to Mr. Willard in Miss Matthews letter. I can never stay in the work here if she leaves, knowing everything as I do.

Dr. McFarland and wife had no more reason in acting as they did with Mrs. A. R. than you would have to come and act in the same manner, the great difficulty Mrs. A. R. has been altogether too kind and gave up so much that now they want all and are doing everything in their power to injure Mrs. McFarland and hurt and kill her influence with the Indians. The way they have acted is the most shameful thing I have ever heard or seen.

I fear the injury that has been done will take a long time to remove. Among the whites they are despised, among the Indians he is respected with the idea that he has a wonderful power given from God and is so inspired so he can tell what they are doing when he don't see them, and has

taught them to think Mrs. McFarland is the devil of the place. She is the cause of keeping off the Holy Spirit. The night the steamer lay here the Indians had a dance in the dance house. Dr. wife and Mr. Chapman went to break it up with singing and prayer. Captain Carroll brought his men, the white men of the town brought their Indian women and carried on to drive them away. I heard the noise but did not know what was going on. They sang burlesque hymns and then put the candles out to drive them away. On Saturday the white men posted bills up saying a Ball would be held in Flannery's Hall at seven oclock, all invited to come with an N. B. "no prayers".

I am only speaking for myself so wish this to be private. I know I should never work to any advantage with the Youngs and I cannot work with the McFarlands. For that reason if Mrs. A. P. McFarland leaves I wish a change.

The influence of the past few weeks is being seen in our work here already.

Love to Mrs. Jackson and daughters. Mrs. McFarland and Bessie are taking the trip this steamer. Mr. Gould and I are taking care of the home.

Yours in Christ,

Kate A. Rankin.

October 24, 1883.

I forgot before I finished my letter to say we are to have quite an extensive saw mill put up. I was told that Shakes Island has been purchased for the use of it. I was told by one of the men who has been helping to prospect for it that we will get lumber cheap after it starts.

Kate A. Rankin.

Washington, D. C.

October 30, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Doctor:

I send you the enclosed letters to the heads of colleges you mentioned. There are several institutions in Maine that if you wish, I will give you letters to them and to the two in Vermont.

Are you going on a campaign for this purpose? If you are to travel about there might be other parties reached by groups, and especially with readiness by you -- the associated pastors meetings in several cities and possibly Boards of Trade. Did you notice in the proceedings of the

Congregational Council recently passed in favor of establishing a Bureau of Indian Education and a committee appointed to draft the bill to create the bureau consisting of Rev. W. H. Ward, N. J.; Hon. S. M. Baldwin, Connecticut; Gen. M. Whittlesey, D. C.; Gen. B. M. Cutcheon, Mich; Rev. A. L. Riggs, Nebraska; Rev. Joseph Ward, Dakota and Gen. S. G. Armstrong, Virginia.

Very sincerely yours,
John Eaton.

Schenectady, N. Y.
Oct. 30, 1888,

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

At the meeting, last week of the Ex. Committee of Albany, Presbyterian Home Mission Society, I inquired as to the action by the Societies sending in money for the steam launch upon the request made last spring to reappropriate it toward a boat for Mr. Willard at Haines.

Mrs. C. P. Stanton for Clinton Square Church Albany has sent in \$243.78 for steam launch upon receiving the request. She immediately wrote Mrs. Boyd, N. Y. in the name of their Society desiring her to have it (\$243.78) re-appropriated to a boat for Rev. Mr. Willard.

Mrs. William H. Strong for 1st Church Albany had sent in \$148.75 for steam launch, she also wrote immediately to Mrs. Boyd requesting, in the name of her society its re-appropriation to a boat for Mr. Willard.

Mrs. White from Amsterdam 2nd Church knew of the request coming to them to re-appropriate their \$119.00 sent in for steam launch to a boat for Mr. Willard. The Secretaries had replied to the lady sending the request (not to Mrs. Boyd) saying our Presbyterian Society Executive Committee might do as they saw fit with the money. No action has been taken by them, thus far, on the permission.

Ballston church was the only other one sending in for the launch. It was a small sum and as the Society was not represented in our meeting, I do not know what they have done.

When these churches heard that their money had not yet been applied toward the Willard's boat, they expressed the greatest regret as it was their sympathy for Mr. and Mrs. Willard that they had collected the money in the first place being led to suppose the steam launch was the "boat" desired.

I held out to these ladies hopes of the possibility of some ones still securing the two donations from Albany, even if Amsterdam's went elsewhere for the boat and they

desire me to apply to you.

Will you enquire for them and give me the result?

Yours truly,

M. Potter.

(Address Mrs. D. F.)

P. S. Neither of these Societies mentioned have ever sanctioned any other appropriation of their funds.

M. P.

Haines, Alaska.

October 26, 1883.

Dr. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother:

The Indian has a fair wind and wants to get off, I will not hinder him.

Have not time to write since receiving the mail, busy over head and ears. I received from the Board check for \$710.33 for boat. Don't know what to do with so much. Don't need it here since the launch was abandoned unless there some-thing should go under (the prospects are not bright) I will then need a boiler in my boat or get a small steamer. Did not get back on Alaska law.

Dr. Corlies sent \$24.00 to me to pay the Indian, I gave him \$25.00 according to agreement. First snow on the 24th, falling fast at present.

Will write ready for next mail.

Kind regards and Christian love from

Your friend and brother,

Eugene S. Willard.

Boston, Mass.

October 30, 1883.

Sheldon Jackson,
My dear Sir:

I take pleasure in informing you of your appointment as General Manager for Alaska of matters relating to the next meeting of the National Educational Association, which is to be held at Madison, Wisconsin, July 15 -- 18, 1894. Having great confidence in your devotion to the Association and in your business ability and in awakening deeper interest in its work throughout your state and in securing a large attendance at its next meeting

I am most sincerely,

T. W. Bicknell, President.

Bureau of Education
Washington, D. C.
Oct. 29, 1913.

Charles W. Eliot, LL.D.,
President of Harvard College,
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Sir:

I have great pleasure in introducing hereby Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D. long time in the service of the American Board of Home Missions for the Presbyterian Church in the Rocky Mountains and on the Pacific Coast. He has made some of the most self-sacrificing and well directed efforts in behalf of the establishment of schools in our Territories among the pioneers and Indians and Morones. We are pre-eminently indebted to him for the establishment of schools in Alaska. He is most thoroughly trustworthy, and has shown great skill and rare good sense in his pioneer work.

I am sure you will be interested in meeting him.

Very respectfully yours,

John Eaton,
Commissioner

Cambridge, Mass.
November 2, 1913.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter received today I will say that our arrangements for the annual meeting of our Massachusetts Teachers Association are nearly completed, and doubt whether a place remains for an additional lecture.

I will however send your letter to our President Mr. Charles F. Rugg of New Bedford who will be able to write you definitely upon the matter.

Yours respectfully,

Alfred Bumker,
Treasurer M. T. A.

Syracuse, N. Y.
Nov. 2, 1913.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
My dear Sir:

I received your letter in regard to delivering an address here on Alaska, in due time, and beg your pardon for my long delay in answering.

I have been three weeks in Court steadily, from morning to night and am still in Court and shall be for several weeks to come.

I have, however, consulted with some of our friends on the subject. The general result is that they think the political excitement of the present time and likely to follow election, makes it an unfavorable time for the accomplishment of the purpose we hope to accomplish by the address and the public gathering contemplated.

At all events, I am unable to give any time to it and have not been able to get some one favoring this time named by you as the time for the address to attend to it. I think, myself, after Congress is in session we might with advantage have a public meeting and a formal memorial or petition on the subject.

I hope we may be able, later, to hear you on this most interesting subject, and that a good audience may be gathered to listen. I occasionally fear a meeting at the time you mention would fail of the object.

My wife and I have been reading, with great interest the book on Alaska, which you recommended. It admirably supplements the most interesting and instructive address you gave us.

I should be glad to learn what your movements are likely to be and when you may be addressed, the latter part of December and forepart of January.

Very sincerely yours,

A. J. Northrop.

New Haven, November 3, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.
My dear Sir:

Yours of the 2nd November is before me. We never try to bring together our students and faculty together for such a purpose as you propose. Meetings in a large town we depend on the ministers and churches to lead off. The only measure that is practicable would be to appoint a meeting in our Theological Seminary and publish a notice in the newspapers, which would bring a few people from the town. A movement initiated in the town by the ministers on Sunday evening would call a respectable congregation in which would be represented some of our officers and students, but we do not endeavor to influence public opinion or this government by a collective action of our college community.

I simply state the facts as they are without any attempt at explanation or definition. Our daily work is so engrossing that we have formed the habit which describes.

Wednesday evening: I am occupied by a reception at my house of our college classes. On the same evening a meeting to be held of a club to which I belong at which some

15. to 20 will be present. Were I not engaged I would write you to present your cause then. As things are you cannot do better than to arrange with some of the City Ministers for a meeting on Sunday evening. I have notices given at the College chapel. Next Sunday I must be absent on a previous engagement. Please excuse my haste and do not think that I am not interested in your cause or in Alaska.

Very truly,
E. Porter.

Newcastle, Penn.
November 6, 1893.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother:

Yours of October 22 received, this evening, for which please accept thanks, also one from Mrs. Ham giving full directions for shipping which will be a great relief, as our barrel will probably weigh four to five hundred lbs. It contains fifty quarts canned fruit (in glass) besides butter and other things. Little Carries appeal for fruit when nothing else could be taken and which is wrong her mother's heart -- we hope will not again be made in vain. They are packed in an iron-bound barrel and filled in solid with wheat which they know how to turn into food after grinding it on a coffee mill.

I have made arrangements with the Pennsylvania Bible agent to forward fifty Bibles and many testaments for the Haines Mission and reported that situation. Bibles 100¢ I -- Five cents.

I enclose the letter to Board also a copy of one to Mrs. Ham. They were sent to Rev. Sanbourn. The letters published, and which gave her pain, I suppose were those I sent you while at Galesburg, and neglected to say were intended only for your personal perusal, so suppose we are responsible for that. I have written to her trying to induce her to take a different view of the matter as they no doubt did good.

During the conversation between Rev. Calkins and Dr. Roberts, the latter said "Any time Dr. Jackson wanted charge of the work in Alaska he could have it". I hope you will test it.

I think the Youngs are responsible for much of the trouble.

Yours truly,
A. White.

Bloomfield, N. J.
Nov. 5, 1883.

To Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother:

Will you give our German Students a talk on Home Missions -- Alaska -- or the Rocky Mountain Missions -- or New Mexico -- on the first Thursday evening of December.

Sincerely yours,

Charles H. Kink.

Bloomington, N. J.
Nov. 6, 1883.

Dr. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Jackson:

I believe the man I promised to Senator McPherson. Senator Hawley is another man upon whom you should call. He is a religious man as is Harrison of Indiana. In the lower house see Darwin R. Jones. He was several years ago, and I suppose is yet, an active christian member and elder of Throop Avenue Presbyterian Church. Wishing you abundant success.

Cordially yours,

Donald McLaren.

Princeton, N. J.
Nov. 8, 1883.

The Honorable
John R. McPherson,
U. S. Senator.

Dear Sir:

Permit me to introduce to your acquaintance my friend Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D. of the Presbyterian Home Mission Board.

Dr. Jackson has been for many years an unwearied and successful laborer in the work of Church extension through our Western states and territories, and has been equally efficient in stirring up our Eastern churches to a sense of their duty.

He is at present engaged in an effort to secure good government and educational facilities for the neglected inhabitants of Alaska.

I have suggested his calling upon you, because I feel sure you will sympathize with his beneficial and

disinterested plans which he himself will more fully explain.

I remain with great respect

Sincerely yours,

Daniel M. Larkin.

Swampscott, South Hadley, Mass.
Nov. 11, 1893.

Rev. Dr. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

A few girls meditating on the advisability of going to Alaska at some future period as teachers. Would like to have you forward at your earliest convenience all information concerning the subject.

Yours truly,

Emilie Bird.

New Haven, Conn.
Nov. 11, 1893.

Senator Platt,
My dear Sir:

I feel genuine pleasure in introducing to your acquaintance Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D. Superintendent of Missions in Alaska. Mr. Jackson delivered an address upon Alaska at the centre (Rev. Dr. Wythe's) church in New Haven this afternoon, and is very interesting and convincing statements led us all to hope that Congress will soon establish a government for that benighted people and do something in the way of providing educational advantages for them. Mr. Jackson intends using his influence with members of Congress towards securing these objects.

We are assured that he is worthy of all confidence and we bid him God speed in the grand work.

Very truly yours,

J. L. Sanford.

New Bedford High School,
November 21, 1893.

Dr. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

If you give your lecture in Alaska before the Massachusetts Teachers Association at their annual meeting how much time will you require? Will it be at our expense? If so, how much will it cost us?

I think we can give you a part of Thursday evening
December 17.

Please answer soon.

Yours truly,

Charles P. Ray.

Sitka, Alaska.

Nov. 12, 1893.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

I went down to San Francisco August to buy goods. I
shipped by steamer and they arrived in 15 days from S. F.
in fine order. I returned by way of Portland and attended
the meeting of Oregon Presbytery for the first time.

Before giving an excuse for my absence Hill called me
into a side room and wanted to know if I was going to stir
up a fuss. I told him that I was ready for a square fight
if Dr. L. or Condit would enter for the first round. He
assured me that the Doctor was not in the sparring mood.
I was treated very kindly by many of the members. Dr.
Lindsley did not offer to speak to me but brushed by me as
if I were not there. He did not attend many of the meet-
ings. He appeared to be set aside by the younger members.

Mr. Lee had me appointed as one of the speakers for
an evening exercise and I sat within short range of Dr.
Lindsley. I kept wondering how he enjoyed the sight. Now
could you only have been there his joy would have been any-
thing but complete. While in San Francisco I met a Mr.
Adams a member of Mr. Hall's church who is in business on
Nassau street and boards at the Park Hotel, N. Y. We met
after a prayer meeting at Dr. McManis's church. While
buying some hardware in Portland Adams is to secure a small
prospecting hammer. We took dinner together and in talk-
ing of Alaska he told me that he had called upon Dr. Lindsley
and then he asked me if I knew Rev. Sheldon Jackson. Well
I walked in on him pretty lively for I could see that Lindsley
had wronged you. I need not tell you all that I said. It
would be well for you to win this man over in some quiet way.

Hill asked me if I thought it was wise for you to come
to Alaska. Of course he was jumping me but he hardly knew
how far to venture. Young's not returning has prevented
the organization of a Presbytery and as McFarland is insane
there is no possibility to organize when Young returns. This
leaves Alaska still under the care of Oregon Presbytery.
This I'm afraid will circulate your plans but as you are rich
in resources you will doubtless work out of it.

It would be natural for Hill to hold on to Alaska
as long as possible. It seems as though he and Lindsley

had buried the hatchet only to dig it up and fight you when the time came. I hope I am wrong in my opinion of Hill. If we could only have organized the Alaska Presbytery then your course would have been plain sailing. I suppose that we could not organize in the Spring even though a new case came in Mr. Farland's place. I have heard that Major Morris is much offended at you but have heard no cause assigned. Oakford has resigned and expects to spend the winter in Washington and will doubtless oppose you in trying to secure an appropriation for educational purposes. The old fellow is childish and likes to be flattered and petted so if you slick him in the right way he will not scratch hard.

Morris of course will be as active as Thomas Jefferson with his letter writing. That attack in the Globe Democrat was I think written by Judge Pierpont's son but he got his facts or rather lies from Morris.

November 19, 1883.

I made up a package of baskets, rats and bracelets and sent to Mrs. Henrietta Cary, Sing Sing, N. Y. It was worth \$10, including postage. I could not get it registered in Sitka as Styles was out of state. At that time we had only a poor lot of baskets and that is why I sent the bracelets.

The dictionary came in good order and I have the amount to your credit together with the amount for collection of baskets for Princeton College. We now have a good collection of baskets for you and I shall have them ready to send off on the December boat. The boat arrived last night at 6:30 P. M. Most of the people have left Juneau for the winter. Rev. H. W. Hill came up to Wrangell. How far he went from him: He will doubtless be a great missionary. I think the best is to remove them. It is strange that Young should remain away from his field as long. I had but a few words with Willard at Kinsey's cannery last month. It was very stormy and we staid but a short time. Their being so far removed from the natives affords them but little opportunity to do good. They are in an opinion too weak to do anything for that field. The St. Lawrence Company now refuse to carry our freight unless we pay three rates, because we have no goods on the boat. We have no goods on this boat. This is the way they can be out here. The mission here is really in fine order and everything is progressing well and harmoniously. You would hardly be prepared for the change that has so quietly been wrought during the past year. The new commander of the Adams has taken hold of the Indians with a vigorous grip and will be a great help to the mission work. He has enlisted a large number of sailors and is hitching and improving the twen in various ways. The school keeps full and if no fire occurs a good work will be accomplished this winter. I received by this mail "Among the Alaskans" for my

Christmas, 1882. Please accept my thanks for this kind remembrance.

If coal can be obtained the steamer Rose will be taken to Puget Sound put in order and sold. I am very busy all the time. The brass with the steamer Company interferes with our business but it will only drive us to get a schooner of our own. The schooner John Hancock came up from San F in 15 days and returned in 10 days. This is as good as steamer time. They make all the three rates after they had signed bills of lading agreeing to the single rate of \$12. per ton from Portland.

Some time ago I sent a small collection of curios to Mr. James Terry of American Museum of Natural History 8th Avenue. He sent by this mail a check for \$35.00 being \$10.35 less than the bill and complains that I did not send what he had ordered. I told him in reply to send what he did not order to you at 23 Centre Street with bill for same at prices which I sent him and that you would take them and pay for them. Please let me know if you want them, well and good, if not, hold them awhile for me. I should have never sent them only he extorted a promise from me to do so, and has written repeatedly. If he wants the lot at \$35, let him keep them and be gone with it.

I am storing away all the rare old stuff as it comes in and shall make a collection of my own.

November 23, 1883.

S. A. M.

Idaho, Wrangle Harrows.

We have just stopp'd to catch a deer which was swimming across, but as there was a delay in lowering the boat they failed to catch him. It was not my intention to go to S. F. soon again but the steamer Company was determined to crush us if they can. We wanted to buy coal to take the Rose to Puget Sound but they had none to sell us but plenty to other parties. We wanted to order some by December boat. They said yes if we would pay three times as much as other people. We asked Capt Cougler to loan us coal. He said yes, but Capt. Carroll lead of it and went straight to Cougler and wanted to know if he was going to give aid to one party in this fight. So you can see the animosity of the Company toward us. Murphy, Grant & Co. of Portland shipped us goods in October and had bills of lading made out in which the price \$12. per ton was written and agreed to. These bills failed to reach us and Downing made out his bill for three rates. We demanded the true rate in the presence of witnesses and it was refused. A few days after the steamer left I paid McFarland the three rates under protest and took his receipt. This month the bills of lading came up and Downing came and wanted to refund the overcharge. We refused to accept it. I don't know what the Court would grant us but it will show the Company in a mean light to the business world.

I think that I shall be able to organize a company in San F. and put on a good west schooner. This is the only way to be independent of such a man monopoly. You can address me in care of Taber, Barker & Co., 208 California St., San. F.

November 27th, 1883.

Port Townsend.

We have just arrived, Hil on board. He calmed matters and will make certain recommendations to captain. I think he understands well what ought to be done in the field and I hope he will urge matters vigorously. I have some business here and must close. Let me hear from you when convenient.

Yours sincerely,

John G. Brady.

New Haven, Conn.

November 14, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

I wish again to thank you for information concerning Alaska and for the Christian cheer afforded by the perusal of the book you kindly sent me. The later chapters with your accounts of English church and Missionary successes give much food for thought and hope, as does also Mrs. Willard's printed letter. I have sent the letter where I expect it will do good.

I hope that you will see the "Church Missionary Intelligence and Monthly Record". It is a valuable magazine.

Should you again visit New Haven, come and stay at my house.

Sincerely yours,

R. J. Bellows.

New York, N. Y.

Nov. 14, 1883.

Dr. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is the statement which you desire. You will be glad to know that your lecture has stirred up a deep interest in Alaska.

We had it over again in proper meeting and Dr. Lusk said he had known something of Alaska before, but now he knows much more, and felt that there was a work for the Christ there which must now be put off that we must add it to the list

of works which must of necessity be done.

I am so very glad of your visit here and feel sure it will do good.

Yours with kind regards,
M. E. Boyd.

Fort Wrangle, Alaska.
November 16, 1883.

Rev. Charles Jackson,
My dear Doctor:

Yours of Sept. 18, 1883 duly received. Skultka is faithful in his carrying so far and in the main all goes well.

I came here last month at the request of parties here on account of trouble which you have probably heard, it was with great reluctance that I left my own people and I have not been able to do all I wished here. Yet all things considered it was doubtless better I came. Mr. Hill came up by steamer which arrived yesterday, he can say what will be done.

The Jackson mill is not yet in operation. Some necessary machinery sent by October steamer went to the bottom of American Bay because of the exploding of a cask and had not at latest report been recovered, it may not be so again, there is delay. Mr. McLeod is, in connection with his own duties, attending to some of mine. Clara says 65 pupils now, people not in as weather and not been well up to the time of her last letter. School still in the old house utterly unfit for such work. It seems like a waste of energy, I work at school and doing what in a measure must be done, and yet in a way better than nothing. Mr. Hill sent up some books etc. I have had so much to occupy time and thought that the contemplated school work with other projects have not developed into anything useful.

I am under obligation to you for "Among the Alaskans". Was notified that you had paid for the Journal of Education to be sent to me, many thanks.

Mr. McLeod sent the cedar sticks by steamer which came in after I left. Mr. Hill re-shipped from Portland prepaid freight and I think notified Mr. Eaton. When the Indians failed to get what I wanted, I went to the woods myself and did the best I could.

Family in excellent health and getting on nicely.

Hope you will not envy me the canoe trip to Jackson. Snow and ice and wind are quite wintry up here now.

Mr. Young's people are some of the doubting if he is to return, yet hope to see him by next steamer.

Quite a good many white men have been here since I came. 130 went aboard the last steamer down, some 30 are

waiting now, they have been very orderly and well behaved as far as I have seen. I have found them all civil, some very intelligent.

With gratitude for your kindness and prayers for your wellfare I am

Your Brother in Christ,
J. Leemis Gould.

Mt. Holyoke Female Seminary,
South Hadley, Mass.
Nov. 17, 1893.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson.

Dear Sir:

Please find enclosed the papers which you left with us. I think all the teachers' names are there.

Some one has removed the pamphlet giving information about Alaska, which you left and I have not been able to send for any. Will you kindly write the name on the enclosed card and send it to me.

With thanks for your visit and your words,

Yours truly,

Elizabeth Blanchard.

Fairbanks, Alaska.
Nov. 19, 1893.

Dr. Jackson.

Dear Brother:

We are looking for the mail but suppose from the delay that the steamer has changed time.

I do not remember whether I told you about the reports of gold mines in the interior, probably you know more about it than we do.

Mr. Adams heard last mail that one of his men having returned from the Yukon reports diggings. Mr. Adams expects to learn by this coming mail more definitely concerning the matter. If the thing is true there will be a rush our way in the spring. The Northwestern Trading Company will open a store on Portage Bay.

I had intended to speak to you last month about Mr. Chapman. But it slipped me. For how long is he commissioned? Can he be sent to Chilkat in the spring, say about April or May?

If so I wish you would write to him to come up. If I wait to hear from you to write him, the delay would most likely bring him here, if at all, rather late in the season.

I am going to send for shingles and rough boards for roofing to come by first spring steamer.

If Chapman can come a month before her arrival we will be ready to put them on, I hope.

The Indians are putting up new houses in our village, two Boston houses are being built, more are to follow. Stoves are wanted, windows, doors, boards etc. Today I was visited by an Indian who wants to send \$38.00 below for a sewing machine. Several persons have bought clocks and keep them going in their houses. This looks a little like civilization.

We need above all things next year a man who can teach or lead the boys in farming, getting in the wood, fish, provisions etc. and whose wife can do mission work in the home.

A man who will fill the same place that W. B. Styles fills in Sitka. There is more work to do here than two men can get through with. I am constantly on the go, first at one thing and then at another, called away by the Indians before I can finish one job into half dozen others. I can do all of my talking in the Klinglest and find that the Indians come.

Eugene S. Willard.

Sitka, Alaska.

Nov. 19, 1913.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson.

Dear Dr. Jackson:

The steamer came in last night, but not in time to interfere with our Sabbath services. The report now is that she will sail this P. M. She does not stay two days as formerly and we have very little time to write our letters remove our freight etc. etc. Your letter containing check for ten (\$10) for books received and I will do the best I can and will be directed, will be sent to you by such until next steamer. Your letter is also presented to the Moderator also received, but as a result of the re-appearance of Rev. S. Hall Young, the whole matter falls to the ground for the present at least.

Will keep both letters until they are needed. I hope the failure to form a Protestant will not interfere with your plans. I suppose that Mr. Young will be able to stay at Wrangle for a month or two and feed the flock after wrangling around in large a circle, giving Eastern people an opportunity to see the greatest missionary west of the Mississippi river etc. Did Mr. Brady tell you that Dr. Lindsay tried to persuade Major Morris to appoint some friends of Mr. Young's Collector at Wrangle. Rev. Mr. Hill came up and remained over at that place.

Major Morris told me just now that Mr. Hill intended to send Mr. and Mrs. McFarland here (Sitka) but Oakford threatened to do such dreadful things if he did, that he changed his mind. He also volunteered the information that Mr. Oakford would go to Washington this winter, in connection with Spreckle's the sugar man of San Francisco.

Thanks for the book on Alaska and for the "Teacher" from the hub, also for your defense of the depraved missionaries of this coast. We have three cases on this steam we for the Home. I hope to find school books and shoes ordered some time ago.

Are we to order all supplies of clothing and of bedding for boys and girls through Mr. Hill? Or will underclothing be sent to us from societies as formerly? Will give you the measurements of Mr. Halcy's grounds as desired and will sound him on the other matter the first good opportunity. Miss. Linnie received the five dollars you sent for pictures for yourself, must be a pot-latch.

We have an average attendance at present in our school of 116. The guard sends them in good season. We have nearly all the desirable boys from the rancho into our Home. Shall have to take smaller ones. I hope the captain will be able to get us some good ones from the different tribes next spring. Have spoken to him about the matter. Will get all the good ones here I can. We have had several snow storms this month, so that we have been unable to finish shingling our work house or to caulk our cistern.

Received check from Mr. Eaton and have paid Haltern, Caplin and Northwestern Trading Co. Will send receipts next time. Mrs. Austin's eyes still trouble her very much, wish the Board would pay her enough salary so that we could afford to hire a good chinaman to do our house work.

Hoping the Lord will bless and prosper you in your labors for this field, with love from all I remain

Your brother in Christian bonds,

A. E. Austin.

Port Simpson. British Columbia.
Nov. 19, 1893.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Jackson:

Your welcome note came to hand. Glad to hear from you. I saw Will ineft, he says his sloop is much too small to send to Sitka and he thinks you could go to have it sent to Portland; or I think if you could get a large

schooner from Victoria to take your lumber for the mill here you might do well.

We have waited so long for your people to help the poor Tongans that I have now taken up a rule and brought lumber and am going to build a small church there.

Our work is going well at all points of this coast.

The "Mel-a-Bathor" trouble is doing harm on all the line.

A ship is to be up there in a few days.

Mrs. Crowley joins me in kindest regards,

Yours in Christ,

Thomas Crosby.

Washington, D. C.

Nov. 20, 1933.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Presbyterian Board of Home Missions,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Doctor:

I have a letter from Judge Alexander Pierrepont 1113 Fifth Avenue, New York stating that the interview never took place but was made up of various notices appearing in Western newspapers, that he has valuable matter on Alaska and if he has time will put it into shape. Perhaps you will do well to see him.

Very truly yours,
John Eaton.

Fort Wrangell, Alaska.

Nov. 20, 1933.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother:

Your note of Oct. 9th is before me. There is nothing in it requiring an answer. Only that I am sorry you are sick. I too am suffering from a severe cold. I need not tell you of our terrible troubles here. You know all about it in New York long before this. You will also readily understand how all this trouble has unfitted me for letter writing. Mr. Hill is here. Will be down on this boat.

You will hear a full report of all that has been done and the measures the necessity of the case has required which we deplore exceedingly.

Oh I cannot tell you all the troubles all this has been to me. I thought the fire was almost more than I

would hear. But oh Doctor I have felt that the fire was nothing in comparison with this dreadful thing. Because it affects the whole work and it was such a public thing that it is in the mouth of everybody.

I received the notices of the book and will do what you suggest. I cannot write more.

Much love to Mrs. Jackson and the girls.

Faithfully yours,

A. S. McFarland.

Baltimore, Md.

Nov. 22, 1883/

Rev. Dr. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

I wish to have a number of "Gospel in All Lands" devoted to Alaska.

Please send me statistics of mission work there of the Presbyterian and Greek church, and anything that will aid me.

Can you write an article on Alaska for me?

Please give me a sketch of your own life and

that of Mrs. McFarland.

Please reply in this.

Yours truly,

Eugene A. Smith.

Rochester, N. Y.

Nov. 22, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

According to instructions given the writer I send Ailing & Cary's check on New York for \$14, being amount received in Central Church, Sabbath evening last.

This, it is understood will be placed to the credit of Women's work, for school purposes in Alaska, and you will be pleased to acknowledge the same. We had hoped to have made up one hundred dollars but not so just now. I learn that our young people are moving to take a scholarship of \$100. shortly of which they may advise you.

Yours truly,

Wm. Ailing, Jr.

of Central Pres. Church.

Washington, D. C.
Nov. 22, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Doctor:

I have just had an opportunity to speak with the President with reference to Alaska. He says he has always noticed it so far but without much effect and hopes something will be done. Of course I do not know what he will say.

I send you herewith the interview purporting to have been made with Mr. Pierrepont. Please return it at your convenience. You certainly may see him with entire freedom.

I expect to start shortly for Cleveland but hope to return on Monday.

Very truly yours,
John Eaton.

Amsterdam, N. Y.
Nov. 23, 1883.

Will the treasurer of the Board of Home Missions please appropriate the sum of \$110.00 (forwarded to them last spring for a steamer launch for the Alaska coast, by the ladies of Amsterdam 2nd Presbyterian Church) to the purchase of a boat for the use of Rev. Mr. Willard, Haines, Alaska.

The money was raised for Mr. Willard's comfort and we desire it applied as above directed.

Yours truly,
Fanny Bartle tt,
Treasurer

Home Missionary Society and Presbyterian
Church, Amsterdam, N. Y.

Brighton, N. Y.
Nov. 24, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

I send you with this another basket which was overlooked. Would not send it but the cover doesn't fit its the wrong one and goes with one of the baskets you have

Have just written my Evangelist grist. Got your visit in it. I hope satisfactory. You must come out soon and hold that big meeting.

You did stir up our good people and the fruit will

appear in good time. Tell Kendall he must lend me that pamphlet by mail (to be returned) and tell me who Elisha P. Swift is, if he wrote the article written.

Geo. R. Page.

Schenectady, N. Y.
Nov. 24, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

I have just received this notification to the Board from Aunt Ann and it to you because I don't want the Board to send word back to Aunt Ann that it is too late to do anything of the kind (if it should be). They are terribly disappointed that the money did not help Mr. Willard and to express their wrath and keep them up to future work I suggested this reappropriation providing to send it to you and that you would do all that was to be done so have the money still used for Mr. Willard's benefit.

Did you receive a letter a couple of weeks ago from me telling you of the action of the other churches in the matter of reappropriation?

I wrote you about that time. None of the churches have sent any authority to use the Anna's money for any other purpose, except what for Mr. Willard.

Can you secure any of it at this date for this purpose?

Yours truly,
Mary Potter.

(Mrs. B. W. Potter)

Hockanum, Connecticut.
Nov. 27, 1883.

Mr. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Our no. the Mission Band of Merry Gleaners, send you a money order in behalf of the Indian Girls at Mrs. McFarland's school, Fort W. Le, Alaska.

Last year we sent money to Mr. Robert P. Herriek, who was then at the Theological Seminary of Hartford.

Yours respectfully,
Lottie P. Strong,
Treasurer.

Port Wrangle, Alaska.
Nov. 25, 1888.

Dr. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir;

I saw the mail weighed in sacks to Jackson.

Large sack 53 lbs.

Small " 21 "

Klawack 12 "

Klawack (package). . . . 2 "

Jackson 3 "

Nov. 27, 1888 91 lbs.

Mr. Gould has been here a month, went home yesterday. Mr. Hill came up this steamer expects to return on down steamer.

Mr. Young did not come. I think Presbytery will be postponed until Spring. I received your letter of dismissal, will attend to it.

Your Brother in Christ,

John W. McFarland.

Sitka, Alaska.

Nov. 5, 1888.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

I arrived at Etchuk October 29th. The first week we cleaned and fixed up the house. The second held school. The third came over here for our winter supplies.

We had a cold stormy trip of two weeks. I am told that I now have the most difficult Indians on earth to deal with. But I feel that by following my commander I shall be able to conquer, and bring them into the path which leads to the City of God. Don't imagine that the Napoleons or Buryans are all dead yet. We have some our trading and visiting and are now favored with a little breeze, and sailing out by the Sitka with the song in our hearts.

It gives us inward pain when we consider part etc.

I saw Mr. Leet at Jackson, he seemed to be in a hard row. Perhaps it is not every man's element to deal with Indians. My greatest disappointments always prove greatest blessings and just now I feel like one just ready to grasp some great prize.

And it just now occurs to me that the prize may be in the feeling that way. I will do the very best that lays in my power for the Board and will expect them, and doubt not that they will, do the same by their friend and Brother in Christ.

J. E. Chapman.

P. S. I have traded with Mr. Whitford in Mr. Brady's absence to the amount of \$165.65 and promise to pay.

I hope that I may receive a check soon that will enable me to fulfill my promise.

Please try and make my salary \$500.00

When you have inquiries after me by ones refer to J. E. Chapman, Pres. Mission, Nome Alaska or Juneau.

Fort Wrangell, Alaska.
Dec. 1, 1903.

Dr. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother:

Many thanks for the nice Christmas present. We have read part of it, find it very interesting, think we will enjoy the remainder. As Mr. Young was so late getting home we had to postpone the Presidency and think you will be here before we organize, which I think will not be until spring. We will be glad to welcome you when you come. Your Brother in Christ.

John W. McFarland.

U. S. Senate.
Washington, D. C.
Dec. 3, 1903.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of 30th ult., to know how I have referred the same with enclosures to the Senate Committee on Territories. I have no objection myself to the establishment of an educational system in Alaska, but I think it would be better to allow the Committee to give the subject their mature consideration rather than I hastily recommend a plan myself.

Very truly yours,
John F. Miller.

Jackson, Alaska.
Dec. 5, 1903.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

I do not owe you a letter, but I feel I owe it to myself. The missionaries, the cause of missions and the cause of christianity to write. It was not pleasant to answer your questions in regard to Mr. Chapman but seemed it

my duty.

I said but little to what might have been said but certainly hoped it was enough to quell the necessity of ever having to do or say anything further in regard to the man or the subject.

It is just to say that his relations and manners of association with the native women here, has been such as to encourage the most lamentable and most difficult to overcome, of all the evils of this coast.

Our exposure and discomfort last winter and my brother's present illness from the President of the N. W. Trading Company would have been avoided, if he had done what he promised and could have accomplished for us in the way of buildings, and for which he was paid.

I am verily informed he says he paid you and Mr. Young for his position here and then you sent us to take it from him and similar silly talk.

He said also he believed the burning of Fort Wrangle House was a judgment sent for their treatment of him.

We do not know any one who has confidence in him or respect for him.

He was a laughing stock for those around the river much more I might say, but for fear.

His retention for a single month must be to the detriment of the natives and a reproach to every missionary in the territory, and I am sure could those who support missions, many at great personal sacrifice, know a tithe of what we do of him, it would be a discouragement to them.

I think brother erred in allowing his personal dislike or trouble to prevent him from preferring charge against him one year ago, thus laying this inquisition upon the Board and missions in general.

It is not pleasant to us to have him pointed out as a sample of the Alaska missionaries.

I was much surprised to see him here on his way to Hoonah.

I write this because I think you should know what kind of people you sent here to be an example and teacher to these ignorant Indians.

This leaves us all in good health.

Last week brought us, by far, the coldest weather we have ever felt here.

Yours truly,

Clara Gould.

Salem, Oregon.

Dec. 7, 1883.

Dear Dr. Jackson:

Thanks for your prompt remittance of \$11.65 for

freight on cedar logs. I enclose you shipping receipt from Portland. The freight from there was \$9.15. Transfer 50¢ and the freight from Alaska \$2.00. The last item \$2.00 belongs to McLeod-- the rest to me.

Alaska matters are quiet once more.

Ever yours,

R. V. Hill.

U. S. Senate.

Washington, D. C.

Dec. 7, 1903.

Sheldon Jackson, Esq.,
Mont Claire, N. J.

My dear Sir:

Three bills were already introduced in the Senate by three different Senators, one of whom was Senator Benjamin Harrison. Unless anticipated by others I shall prepare a bill made up of what seem to be the best features of the three and introduce it early next week. A provision for education will be in the draft.

Yours truly,

W. Walter Phelps.

Allentown, Pa.

Dec. 11, 1903.

Rev. Dr. Jackson:

My dear Sir:

Violent illness in my family has prevented my writing you sooner as to the boat for Mrs. Willard.

I have some money in hand for it specially, but I shall hold it until something definite is decided upon.

If you will let me know when you learn if you can get the Government steamer for \$2000. I will remit and if I am not mistaken that amount is already raised by Mrs. White with what I hold.

If \$2,000 has to be paid, then the En. Can had better issue \$1400 worth of shares at \$1. each and name the vessel as the A. B. C. F. M. did for the "Morning Star" years ago when my eldest son was a boy. For, I think it would be unwise to ask directly for so much when there seems to be such a lack of funds for their purposes. The cry would at once be to give up the Chilcat Mission until better days.

Please keep me advised. I am much interested, but meeting the people as I do, I learn to move cautiously. May I ask how much you and the Executive Committee have received altogether for this boat?

Has any one else sent but Mrs. White. I correspond with her.

Hoping you will keep me posted. I am
Very sincerely,
Kate P. Bryan.

Santa Fe, N. M.
Dec. 12, 1903.

Rev. Edwin Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Jackson:

I received your kind reply to my note duly. I presume I did not state I wished to send a package of sketches, these are in a liquid state and are not suitable. I am a busy and unfortunate time with things going to Alaska I thought I could not venture again without being sure I was on the best and surest way.

I was right - I am now the President recommending a person for Alaska.

The best index, about the only mission work doing in town is your work here, only you need to quietly enlarge it. There is much work among the Mexicans alone to employ twice as many workers.

The church members here seem to have little comprehension of their calling or opportunity.

Yours in the Love of Christ,
Helen A. Dodge.

Washington, D. C.
Dec. 15, 1903.

Rev. Edwin Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Jackson:

In reply to your letter respecting a convention of the Committees here on the 20th of January. I wrote asking you to give me the address of the Chairman of the Presbyterian Committee. It seems to me proper that the Chairman should call his own Committee but if he wishes I will write to every member.

Yours truly,
E. Whittlesey,
Chairman.

U. S. Senate,
Washington, D. C.
Dec. 15, 1893.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

When the matter comes up for discussion I may need to avail myself of your kind offer. The proposition to give civil government and educational advantages to Alaska meets with such favor that I have some hope that it will be accomplished without any delay. I am sure I shall get along easily with such information as I have, supplemented by the details given me by Prof. Elliott of the Smithsonian Institute.

Truly yours,
Wm. Walter Phelps.

Sitka, Alaska.

Dec. 15, 1893.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother:

Have just returned from family word to which we held in the reading room with the children. Have my sermons ready for tomorrow and will begin my letter to you tonight.

The steamer came in last month on Sunday evening and one of the sailors who was mortally injured by a large piece of machinery. They were landing at Killisnoe died here on Monday and I held a funeral service at the grave.

Captain Carroll and Capt. Couglan of the Adams, with quite a large number of sailors and marines being present. Held another service over one of the men of the U. S. S. Adams who was lost by a salmon netter near the Greek Church a few mornings ago. Held this service on the steps at the barracks.

The deceased was a man of some note, was with Dr. Rasmus Arctic expedition and was the first to see the open Polar sea of which so much has been said and written. The sailors had his body embalmed (they pay for it) and it will be sent to Jersey City where his family reside.

These sad occasions give me an opportunity to preach to the living a class of men who are in need of religious services. May God bless His own word making it a "salve of life unto life".

We have had two fires in the past month. The large warehouse near Col. Ball's house caught fire the first of the month and was extinguished after it had done considerable damage. Capt. Couglan has formed the Indians into a fire company and they did good service with the sailors

to help.

Thursday night we had a scare. One of the Indian boys called out fire and all hands ran for the fire extinguishers, buckets etc. when he said "in a soldiers house". These words caused our hair to resume the horizontal position again and on looking out of the door we saw a blaze that seemed to be in the Custom house and it is badly damaged, but little left except the outside shell of logs. Mr. Styles and all the larger boys went and did good service. At one time they thought the guard house would go, they moved some of the Major's things, among them Mrs. Morris who fainted away and was carried out on a stretcher by four men to Mr. Cohen's house. (this last item will look well in the paper) The Major is quite sick although he gets down to his office nearly every day. Mr. Brady went below on the last steamer. He has trouble with the steamship Company on account of shipping goods by steamer. The Steamship Company now charge him three rates on his goods when he ships by them.

He did not know what he would do when he left or how long he would stay. He may buy a schooner or come back, settle up his business and leave.

We have thirty boys and nineteen girls in the Home at present and I will take all suitable ones I can get. Average attendance in day school over one hundred and forty. I recovered Donald who was stolen from the Home by his parents while Capt. Pierson was in command. Have been watching for him and a few days ago located with his parents from Killisnoe. Applied to Lieut. Gillman and he sent a policeman and brought him back to the home. Bro. Chapman came here by canoe soon after the steamer left to get provisions etc. Gave him some papers etc. He held one service for me on the Sabbath, started back the next Sabbath.

Mr. Haley's lot adjoining our measures 75 paces, his garden 43 paces, making a total frontage on the road, say 370 feet from the west end of our house in a straight line from the fence separating our land from Haley's is 100 feet.

You did not ask for this measurement but I thought you would like it. Have not had an opportunity to sound Mr. Haley but will do so the earliest moment. He will want money next spring to work his land as he has spent most of the past summer digging a ditch to bring water to his place vine and so I think that is a score with him. If he will not sell his garden I think he will sell the lot next to us.

December 17th, 1883.

Steamer came just before noon and leaves tomorrow morning. Have received supplies for another six months. Did not send pork, lard and candles as ordered. Beans without pork and fish without lard is rather dry eating.

The boys cut up a little piece of pork in small pieces

fry it and pour the gravy and all in a large pot of mush, this with a biscuit and a cup of tea is all they often have for dinner. Is that ration not small enough without taking away the pork? Have taken in two more girls today so that we have fifty one children. This last bill for groceries amounts to only \$506. Surely this is not extravagant. The boys have earned more than their living the last year in the work they have done on the house and grounds.

I think I can safely say that all of the boys have been wet to the skin, seventy days out of the past three months. Their feet are always wet and that is the reason they need, either oil or some fat meat. I send you one of Mr. Hill's letters received today. To show you how I am situated, I ordered girls shoes last September, unless they are on this steamer I shall have to buy them again. (have bought here ones). Ordered duck suits for every day at Mr. Hill's suggestion, if they do not come soon, the boys will have to put on their uniform suits or go to a warmer climate. I also ordered denim for overalls, called to make up for the girls, ticking for bed, none received yet. The girls will soon be out of dresses if these things had been sent they would have been given employment to the girls and would have been ready when wanted.

I should like to know if Mr. Hill is to say all kinds of supplies for the Home, clothing for boys, girls etc, if not will you be kind enough to see Mrs. Haines and have her send us some at once, for we shall need them long before they reach us. I shall not have time to write to her by this mail, but will do so by next steamer. You see what he says about taking children into the Home. The winter is the best time to get them for in the summer they are away, and they can help them in the winter they have to feed them and the old Indians prefer to do the eating themselves. Have written to Mr. and Mrs. Munroe, Southport, Connecticut enclosing beautiful pictures of Daisy and Elbert.

Miss Linnie sends you a picture of Fanny with her doll, the baby of the Home and of little Robbie who lives in the Home and who wanted his picture taken with his sister.

Love from all. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

Your brother,
A. E. Anderson.

Winnebago and Omaha Agency.

Dakota County, Nebraska.

Dec. 16, 1888.

Dr. S. J. Jackson

Dear Dr. Jackson: Your letter of December 4th received

should tell you that I am not a lawyer which
a trust I am not. I am not a lawyer to the
ground. Take warning by me and do not give too lavishly
of your strength, for my rheumatism was only an excuse
it is the penalty of years of overwork.

First let me answer your question as to when I shall
be in Washington. My work here is not yet completed.
It is more than two thirds done, but the last third remains
to be the hardest, as I shall have to deal with the most
non-progressing part of the community. Then I have too
many perplexing contest cases, where the dispute of several
years standing and has not grown simple with age. At the
shortest estimate I cannot be there before March and it may
be later. Will that be too late to help Alaska?

If you or some one whom you can trust will tell me
what you are doing for the outlook, I shall be glad for
my sympathy is with you and your wishes.

The work I am doing is very important and
interesting, then I thought it would possibly become. It
is much more difficult and trying than I realized it would
be.

Because I have tried to be just, just to Indian tra-
dition as far as possible and just to the future welfare
of the people the work has been harder and my difficulties
have been increased. I have tried to get the progressive
men out on the land where civilization is within sight
and the market at hand. Some of the best men have been
located there and will break land next spring and prepare
to move there. I have received a donation of \$200., which
I desire to make the nucleus of a building fund, loaning
small sums on low interest to those about to build and when
the money is returned loaning out again. This will
help a good deal. More and more I see the need of a
young and active life among the Indians and settle among
these men and women. There is no one to lead them and
they need help. Education is a problem.

The Board turned a mission school into a girls
school and all the boys whose parents cling to the mission
are thrown out of school.

I am trying to get some into schools in other states
for all the more common sense and business management
of missions. You echo the wish I know.

My desk room is my office. My clerks deal almost
in touch of my hand and here the Indians come each day by
the score. Here I hold trials, and adjust many a crooked
thing.

With cordial greeting,

Yours truly,

A. C. Fletcher.

House of Representatives.
Washington, D. C.
Dec. 17, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Jackson:

I have your letter of 13th inst. The estimates of the Secretary of the Treasury will probably be sent to the House after the holidays when I shall take pleasure in sending you a copy.

We are well at 1412 I street and shall be glad to see you at any time and all times. Two or three bills are in for establishing a government for territory of Alaska.

Yours truly,
Darwin R. James.

Washington, D. C.
Dec. 15, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Alaska bill will be reported Monday noon. Come early Monday morning to me. General is absent.

William H. Garviner

Woodland Home,
Dec. 13, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother:

After writing the enclosed it seemed necessary to add a few lines partly for explanation.

As it did not seem convenient to pay the balance of our \$100. just now will you please accept the note and inform us some time before, just when you will need it.

Mrs. Kate Bryan has written me of \$175. subject to your order when you shall know more definitely about the boat.

Mrs. Hays also of Brooklyn informed me that she has \$97.50 and expected it to soon be \$100.

Having been invited to address a meeting in Pottsville, Pennsylvania a collection was taken amounting to twenty six dollars. Enclose letter. Have heard nothing since.

Miss C. Joline, Princeton, N. J. reported \$5.00 sent to you. The Sunday School near Chambers (reported indirectly) forwarded \$12.

As you perceive we can now feel sure of \$675. with good prospect of more.

All of this has come of a short article in two or

three papers and addresses before a few meetings.
Surely the hand of the Lord is directing it all, and to
His name be the praise.

Yours in Christian Love,
Mr. J. S. White.

Fort Wrangle, Alaska.
Dec. 18, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother:

Yours of November 23rd is received. May it make
for your sympathy. Yes, we are passing through deep
waters. I never told you that a trial of this kind has
come to me. It is such a mysterious thing. If Mr. McFarland
and wife and I have ever had a counsel to lead up to such
a thing it will be very different. It grieves me to think
what trouble they have brought upon themselves (for they
will suffer more than anyone else) if there was no cause
for it.

I shall always believe Doctor was wrong at times
he noted so strongly. It is certainly the most charitable
construction to put upon it, but they indignantly deny that
such was the case. But enough of this, no doubt you are
sick if it be well as the rest of us.

The young marrieds, Sally and John. I have heard
little of their plans, yet. Mrs. Young came home sick,
so nothing has been done. Of course I can give you not
even a hint of what the answer of your letter is, it is
in time. It does not look so little to me now. Matters
are quiet here at present. Dr. and his wife told Mr.
Young they were not going to leave Alaska, would not leave
Wrangle until the Board took away their commission. I
think they were a good deal of it they will be retained.

Mr. Hill's answer as we would have the action of the
Board this mail. Said they would telegraph to him. We
are all well, at least the children are.

I am not very well. This trouble has affected me
so that I am almost robbed of sleep. Do not know how
long I can bear this. I thought there could not be any-
thing more worse than the fire, but this later trouble
has almost choked it out of my mind.

Very sincerely yours,
A. R. McFarland.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Brother:

Jackson, Alaska.
Dec. 18, 1883.

Yours of November 17th containing check for 100.00

being the wharf for the mail carrying etc. Capt. Sprague said we had an order from you for 100 thousand feet lumber for Sitka, understood they proposed to fill it. Klawack mill is idle now they expect to start early in the spring, and with enlarged capacity. Capt. Armour is now at San Francisco. Klawack is an important place all the summer and they have now here a school and church.

A company contemplated erecting saw mill at Wrangell in the early spring.

Ryck Mission mill is awaiting cargo, the line December steamer runs in to American Bay at 1 A. M. 15th left at 4 A. M. Last steamer we lost part of our supplies by some mistake over freight, was not landed till then. Ours is directed to Jackson. The trading Company to Kiguna.

Your letter of Nov. 26th came by December steamer, a quick trip thank you?

I was aware of the wet mail and the report which was not over modest.

Think proper precautions have been taken since and the not easy to protect the August difficulty will not occur again, except when some extreme emergency arises.

Too much time has now passed I think to consider the expediency to changing our location. I had serious doubts if this was the best place for the Mission but never felt authorized to explore or suggest. The saw mill, some improvements in the way of ground and buildings for the mission, the erection of a new building by the natives at large cost, are arguments for permanency here.

The matter of jealousies and strife of which you spoke and which seems very serious and complicated have been measurably and much more anxiously expected than we dare to hope. They promise to allow us to settle and though they may not always be pleased, they have never committed themselves, that if we are prudent they can hardly retract.

Some serious objections to this point may be more than counterbalanced by its advantages.

The Northwestern Trading Company erected buildings in American Bay. The Natives do not like to go over there but the Company gets most they hate all the same.

We do not find it quite so convenient to get our freight I do not know as the effect on the Mission is material. The Company left a small building on the old site.

J. Leonia Gould.

U. S. Senate.

Dec. 18, 1863.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Not till after the holidays.

Benjamin Harrison (President 1889-1893.)

Fort Wrangell, Alaska
Dec. 19, 1888.

Mrs. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Jackson:

Your letter of September 20th and October 3rd reached me in due time as I assure you it was not because they were not appreciated that they have remained unanswered. The trouble with me is this, I cannot write to a true friend without opening up my heart and this I had not time to do last mail and it is painful for me to do it now but I know you have heard something of our troubles here and the two things have taken, the false statements dispatched to the Board, have been almost too much to bear. There could not have taken place a greater boon for the Youngs.

Instead of Mr. Young extending any sympathy when he came home I verily believe in what was the prospect of your having to leave here. Of course the Board had not received our statements when they told Mr. Young "we would be asked to resign and would not be allowed to remain in Alaska". They were acting up their decision of course from the false statements sent in letters and also telegrams.

"Rev. Mr. Farland crazy. Mrs. Mr. Farland knocked down in church". No wonder they thought so. I think it was exceedingly indiscreet for Mr. Young to send such a thing over the wires when I wrote a long letter explaining about the rumors which were afloat about us, and how the trouble originated between Aunt and the Doctor. Now if I had not gone to the trouble of doing this I could frame some excuse. No one could read that letter of mine and then believe that I was crazy too. I don't blame Aunt half so much as I do Mr. Gould, he did not act the part of a Christian brother, or he could have brought a reconciliation about, but no, he went down stream soon after his arrival and bought school books and set up an opposition school, with Miss Farland as teacher, but the Indians who were directed by God (and not by us as was suspected) fought the battle and said that their children should go to us, or they would take their children from the Home. I have written down the speeches of these Indians as was told me by the interpreter, and you would agree with me that it was the Lord.

Mr. and Mrs. Young arrived early Sabbath morning with Mother Kellogg and Miss Chism as housekeeper. She is quite an old maid, a Scotch girl. Mrs. Young sprained her side climbing up into the steamer on a rope ladder and has been very poorly, confined to her bed until today. She was able to go into the church today and meet her boys

When we called upon them Sabbath afternoon. Mrs Young said they would have to have our house. Why I said, we have gone to the trouble of fixing it up, papering two rooms. I would not like to move in winter. Mr. Young came down and asked us if we would trade houses as theirs was too small for such a large family and that the school would be moved to the main, the old log building at the corner for eating, and sleeping room for the boys. For the sake of peace we told him we would do so. They then decided to wait until after the next steamer. And perhaps by this time official news would come in regard to these buildings. This was quite satisfactory to us and perhaps news may reach us that may not necessitate our moving.

How hard it is to be kept in suspense, you have had your share of suspense but I hope are long that you will know certainly that you are coming to Alaska.

My but I wish Doctor was here now I would ask his advice about so many things. Mr. Young says his advice is for us to resign before we are asked to do so. Now there may be some catch in this. We would like to go away from here if we could be sent to Killisnoe to start a mission. That is a good point. The Indians remain there all the year long.

Mr. Hill was in for us to go to Tongas but we would have to follow them to the cannery and I do not wish to do this. Mr. Young asked us what our plans were if we left here. We told him we had no definite plans but that we did not intend to leave Alaska. Well he replied that the Board are not going to establish any more missions at present. Very well I replied I shall not go out of here under those false statements. We have a character to sustain as well as Mrs. McFarland. She has made this trouble and has made false statements herself.

I shall not leave Alaska while I have breath. Mr. Young laughed when I said this. If the Board does not see fit to employ us we have a little money and some friends and we will not starve. I am willing to trust the Lord.

I feel now that I could go into a wilderness. I don't know what the Lord intends to bring out of the trouble. The harder the flower is bruised the more perfume it will yield. Paul was so earnest once that the people thought he was crazy, and finally he and Barnabas had some trouble and were obliged to separate. "If God be for us we can be against us". Pray for us that we may be directed and not do anything rashly. If there is any question you wish to ask me, in reference to affairs here we will be glad to enlighten you, there are always two sides to a story and the right will triumph sooner or later.

If anything is covered in this affair the World shall

know it. I am not afraid of the result. I feel deeply sorry that there is trouble where all has been in harmony. The bold spirit was about to be poured out, there never was a better feeling among our Indians. Two or three were converted and many under conviction, when this takes place the devil steps in and sometimes leads his own children astray.

Kitty Perry has been rescued from a life of sin. She was low down but thanks to God she has been cleansed. After she came from Mrs. Willard's she walked out of the house and chose a bad life, commenced to be bad up there.

She is living with me and is so useful that wherever we go we hope to take her along.

I must close. This may prove a very unsatisfactory letter but I have not time to particularize.

Very affectionately,
M. D. M. Farland.

Brooklyn, N. Y.
Dec. 20, 1833.

Dr. Sheldon Jackson:

New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

I have written to Miss Dodge as requested and return her letter to you. Mr Ham brought me the Monday Times. Who is speaking against the whites in Alaska now? Fort Wrangle don't appear to be such a clean place as Mrs. Young claimed it was.

It is terribly sad anyway and every way. May the Lord have mercy upon us and patience with us all. What poor weak instruments we are.

Yours in Him,
Cornelia F. Ham.

1824 DeLancey Place
Dec. 20, 1833.

Dr. Sheldon Jackson,

New York, N. Y.

My dear Sir:

I send you today the Times of this city of the 19th. in which is an article on Alaska. I have marked it, I think if you will make an answer to it addressed to Colonel Alexander A. McClure he would publish it. I feel sure that the remarks were made in ignorance of the true state of affairs and the needs of this section, and I know of no one who can explain it so well.

Perhaps you have the matter at hand to answer just such talk as this.

Very truly yours,
H. W. Pitkin.

Boston Mass.
Dec. 24, 1853.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.
Can preside thirtieth. Speakers necessary Wendell Phillips
if possible.
Joseph Cook.

Portage, Wisconsin.
Dec. 25, 1853.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson:

Your letter reached me at Madison en route for St. Paul and I sign and return the circular with pleasure.

You are working worthily in a good and successful cause. Will you act as general manager of the Alaska excursion? You can make a success of it. I hope you will. I hope to get a good rate at St. Paul. All things taken a great meeting at Madison and I hope a good company will go into the new Northwest. Expect to be in Boston early in January.

Write me of your willingness to work for a party.

Yours truly,
T. W. Bicknell.

Boston, Mass.
Dec. 25, 1853.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Jackson:

In accordance with your request I will feel myself at your service next Sunday night for a meeting in Boston to arouse public sentiment as to the rights of Alaska.

It is highly important that Mr. Phillips should speak. Can you not get him at Newman?

Please send me any documents or manuscript notes you think I need.

I shall wish to consult with you as soon as you come to Morton. I shall be at 23 Beacon Street almost any afternoon until January 1.

Yours most cordially, Joseph Cook.

Haines, Alaska.

Dec. 26, 1893.

Dr. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Bro:

I have received your check for \$100. Have paid Johnson this month \$75.00 from it as he was not paid last month. I did not know whether Dr. Corlies had the money for him or not so let it stand over. The wind has been blowing hard from the north too hard for a canoe so that Johnson could not return. When he was here he went to the upper village on business. I told him to stay until Christmas as I had a good deal of work to get through with. He came in on Wednesday evening the 19th bringing two sacks and some mission freight all in good order. I send the list of mails as you directed.

Did you receive the letter in which I spoke of Mr. Chapman's coming to Chilcat the spring. If not can you send will you not if you think best, have him commissioned for work at Haines on the Howe building. The check for \$500.00 came to hand. If Mr. Chapman is commissioned for Chilcat I will not need the money. I think Mr. Hill will need more money for purchasing as I have heretofore sent him the freight bills.

I have not received my bills from him for materials already purchased but ask him by this mail to furnish me with duplicates.

Thanks for papers on Alaska. Report of Captain Beardslee, the Corwin etc.

Speaking of Presbytery. It will be hard in in fact possible for me to attend Presbytery even next summer, but I cannot speak concerning that at present. I am glad you are to be here at the organization of the first Presbytery of Alaska.

What is the government going to do about Alaska schools I hope there will be a training school at Sitka as was suggested.

Our weather is beginning to feel a little more like winter. The snow is about three feet deep, the first week in November we had 3 degrees below zero.

I have sent to Mr. Hill lists of building materials and kitchen furniture asking him to have it sent by early spring steamer but if possible have steamer come into our Bay as the expense of bringing around the point or packing will be considerable. If impossible to get such accommodation I spoke of, Selkirk, I will in that case have my years supplies made out and shipped.

If you expect to be up in time and have a better plan carry it out. If the things are sent to my direction they are to be sent in care of Kinney's cannery.

Captain Carroll on account of that leaflet would not come to this side for me, so if you come and bring the goods yourself have them as a present to your new.

Kind regards and affectionate love from us all.

Your Brother,
James S. Willard.

Brooklyn, N. Y.
Dec. 26, 1883.

Dr. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Mrs. D. C. Ehos,
23 Monroe Place,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

This is the address you wished.

I have been at Father's for the holidays, so this is the reason your letter has been so long reaching me.

I have tried to interest Father in your work. I think later in the season when the thing is determined and the school is an established fact, then I shall assured that you will succeed in interesting Father.

With kind regards and wishes for a happy new year and success to your work.

Yours truly,
Marie A. Hoffman.

Hailey, Alaska.
Dec. 26, 1882.

Dr. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

Dear friend:

I received your letter and the book you sent. Thank you very much. I anticipate much pleasure in reading it aloud.

Every mail brings some token of your kindness, that is doubly true, inasmuch as the very fact that the mail itself is a token of your kindness which repeats itself every month.

I also received the beautiful hood, through you, and wrote to the lady. I was very glad to do so, as I like to write, the only trouble being that I cannot write a short letter. I do not know when to quit. There is so much to tell.

I wrote a letter to a cousin in Emporia Kansas and let the editor of one of their papers have the letter and I, not dreaming of its being ready by any one except my

cousin and did not take pains to write plainly. I crowded as much as I could into as little space as possible and among other things I said that I had been told that the thermometer did not fall lower than four degrees above zero (I didn't write it out that way though) and when he sent me a paper I found they had printed it forty degrees above zero. Now that was quite a difference and I was naturally vexed. The Editor wished more from Alaska, so I wrote a letter about my trip to the upper village, wrote it so that it might be of interest to anyone who wished to know of our corner of the country.

I have a dread of getting printed, but if it will do the cause of mission any good I will do the best I can.

I received a letter from a man in Euporia asking quite a number of questions about the country, he had seen my letter in the paper and wanted to know something concerning the mining interest.

School is going nicely, it takes all the daylight of which we only have four hours now but the days will be growing longer. I have seven different classes, though the sixth and seventh are almost a dozen. My first class is very interesting there are about a dozen little ones of four, five and six years old, they call themselves the "ho class" because their lessons are those words of two letters on the charts.

I try to have them learn the names of the different things in the pictures, which accompany each lesson and they are so bright and nice.

Then there are three classes who are the ones we will want in the Home, but I am afraid I am trespassing on your time. We had a tree for them on Christmas eve.

Remember me to Mrs. Jackson and your daughters. If you would like more of those little women I can send all you could find use for.

Sincerely yours,
 Emma L. Matthews.

Winnipeg Indian Agency.
 Dakota County, Nebraska.
 Dec. 27, 1882.

My dear Dr. Jackson:

Thanks for your letter of the 21st just received.

The outlook seems promising. God speed the work.
 I will write to friends.

Thanks for your acknowledgment of the Foreign Missionaries letter. I did not find Dr. Lowrie's letter. I judge from the fact that the letter was formally presented, the contents accord with those of the Secretary of the Board of

Foreign Missions. If this be true it is one of the strongest arguments for the transfer.

Nothing can be more fallacious and detrimental to the Indians than to foster the idea of preserving the Indians as Nations. It is a part of history that in feeling our way along we have made great mistakes, those born out of ignorance as well as selfishness, and were our mistakes. We did not know the country. We did not imagine the rate of migration we would have dared forecast the present even 20 years ago.

We have spoken the word "Nation" and the horror of a war that made it real, and the same word covers the Indian as it covers all within our borders. The end of the Indian question is citizenship, lower than all our work of preparation should lead. We need to educate the Indian toward that idea. When I use the word I do not use it politically as the question of water. But we insist that the Indian must govern himself, that he is to be self-sufficient and find himself responsible and responsible to become (all who can) self-supporting.

To foster any other idea is to foster the idea that the Indian can be forever Indian, a different people within a nation. The curse is to must be the life of dependence and to put a bar in the way of progress. To be respectful but some nations should not be. It is not right, but our Lord prayed that his disciples should not be taken out of the world, for He knew that the world was the life of life are sure help toward progress and that a fostering isolation.

Can't we believe in God's love and follow that in dealings with these Indian Nations of ours?

I have heard from other Missionaries of the Board of Foreign Missions similar sentiments to those expressed in this letter. Larger ideas prevail in the West Board I believe for what you have said, and therefore I shall wait the day when the change shall be made. I have much to say on this subject but forbear.

I will gladly and surely do work as hard as I can every day and evening.

Sincerely yours with best wishes for the work we love,
A. C. Fletcher.

Navy Yard.

Marine Island, Cal.

Dec. 27, 1888.

Dr. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Doctor:

Your kind note and the very interesting volume on Missionary work in Alaska reached me some days since but

presence of officials will be prevented by answering sooner and knowing it.

You do me much service full credit for the way officers were needed to do in the good work and I recognize your love and experience in the work.

The effort for Alaska is, I am glad to think, brighter than ever and I am confident the present Congress cannot fail to give us the organization for the Territory, and I hope for something in the way of assistance to the schools which have been already established and which owe so much to your efforts.

Shall we see you again on this coast? Mrs. Glass and I would be happy to see you at our home at Barre Island if you do come our way.

With best wishes for a happy new year I am

Sincerely yours,

Wm. Brewster.

Boston, Mass.

Dec. 28, 1892.

Rev. Charles Jackson,

New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

I enclose a note to be read at your meeting and I will immediately write Brewster, Collins and Murray in relation to this matter.

Wishing you all success,

Wm. Brewster.

Boston, Mass.

Dec. 29, 1892.

Dear Sir:

What chance the United States Government has after the people of Alaska without registration or records passed by Congress.

For some fourteen or fifteen years we have been for a government and received large revenues from the Territory. Still it is run without law, registry or records. If it were as good a country that we should be exposed to possible loss of what we have protected or acquisition thereof in any circumstances we are bound to protect life and property wherever our flag flies, and see that the rising generation are fitted for citizenship and the duties of life. But Alaska has poured millions into the treasury and one-third of what we have actually received would be paid for the whole expense of government and schools. If we were called

upon to make a beginning with instruction in law and education there might be a chance of success for this colony. But Russia had provided for both and when we bought the province we had but to continue what she had established. From every point of view the neglect of Alaska is a disgrace to our government and calls for immediate action. Cease to receive to receive revenue from Alaska or give her an equivalent for protecting life and property, securing peace, and offering to every one, woman or child the chance of fitting themselves for citizenship and their nation. If we have not leisure to attend to our citizens, then, as the women said to Philip of Macedon "Leave us to be kind". I wish I could be with you tomorrow evening and give my own story of all this for immediate attention of Congress.

Yours respectfully,

Frederick Phillips

Rev. Sheldon Jackson.

A report for an Indian Industrial School at Sitka, Alaska.

To the Honorable

Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

Sir:

Now that the success of the experiments at Carlisle and Hampton have demonstrated the wisdom of Industrial Training Schools for Indian Children,

And, now that there is a growing disposition on the part of the Country, sustained by a growing public sentiment to increase them, as seen in our schools established in Arkansas City, Dakota and Lawrence, Kansas, will it not be well among others to recommend an appropriation for one at Sitka, Alaska?

1st. This will be the commencement of better things for that far-off land.

As it becomes generally known throughout our country that the natives of Alaska are worse off educationally under the control of the United States than if they were a Russian province, the United States having Indian training schools carried on by Russia, where a feeling of shame and a determination to right the wrong shall be done. A strong effort will be made by Congress this coming winter, and it will be a great thing and humane thing for your Department to take the sentiment by recommending such to Congress.

2. From Sitka to Fort Greengard is 100 miles by

...and ... A ... Forest ...
... miles, and ... by ...

3rd. ...
... at Forest Grove. ...
... an agricultural district; ...
... other hand when civilized will be dependent largely upon
their fisheries and lumber interests. Their training school
should be on the sea coast, where they can be taught naviga-
tion and seamanship, the handling of boats and sails,
improved methods of fishing and the handling of nets. A
cooper shop for the manufacture of barrels and casks for
their fish. A saw-mill, boat and dock shop, carpenter shop
etc.

4th. Such a place is Sitka. It was the capital
of the Russians, and now of the American province. It is
central for the whole northern part of Alaska. Russia
and there through the ...
... It was the centre
of the ship building interests of the country. It is a
wealthy region, with a good climate for Alaska.

5th. Sitka has now buildings for the accommodation
of 100 pupils. These would be increased, by next summer,
to a capacity of 100 or 200 with the necessary work shops,
machinery etc. in which we will give instruction under com-
petent teachers in navigation and seamanship, improved meth-
ods of fishing and preparing fish for market, a cooper-
shop with the manufacture of barrels and casks, a boat and
dock shop a carpenter shop with instruction in plain house
building and furniture making, a saw mill. The girls of
course instructed in sewing, cooking, housekeeping etc.

The old adage of "education is the way true
by comparing with the native population of Alaska,
where they have been civilized by the same means of the
improving whites, and giving their children educational ad-
vantages, you will prevent a new crop of untidy, slovenly
and cruel Indian war.

To get this plan placed in your coming esti-
mate the sum from "For the support and education of one
hundred and fifty Indian children at the Industrial Train-
ing school at Sitka, the sum of Twenty Five thousand dol-
lars."

Very Respectfully yours,
Stephen Jackson.

A Circular issued to the Teachers of the United States.
To the Friends of Education: Washington, D. C.
December 1863.
The National Teachers Association in session at

July 9, 10, 11, 1913. passed the following resolution:

Similar action has been taken by the Superintendents, National Educational Association and State Teachers Association of Connecticut, Vermont and New Hampshire.

In accordance with the resolution of the Association we have sent in Memorials to the Honorable Secretary of the Interior, President of the United States and to both Houses of Congress.

Since then we are gratified to notice that the President in his Annual Message, the Secretary of the Interior and Commissioner of Indian Affairs, in their annual reports to Congress have earnestly called the attention of that body to the need of some educational provision for Alaska.

Further action is dependent upon Congress. But in the multitude of interests claiming the attention of Congress and the pressure of political matters preceding a presidential election, no attention will be given to our request, unless the friends of education rally and flood their Congressmen with petitions, asking special attention to the claims of Alaska.

Please therefore sign the following memorial, sign it yourself, offer it to one of your friends or neighbors as convenient and then call it to your Representative or Senator (or both) in Congress.

Very truly yours,
Sheldon Jackson.

Dr. J. C. Littleton.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Sir:

Having read very interesting reports of your 12 courses on Alaska I write to know if you are to deliver a lecture on this subject before our Lyceum at Littleton in this state, some Tuesday evening.

Littleton, though a small town, has the oldest continuous course of speakers lectures in the State and we are pretty proud of it.

We are 31 miles from Dr. and on the Fairbanks road.

If you consider this favorably I should consider it a great gain for our course and at this year we will meet you wherever you may and arrange it.

Very respectfully yours,

Robert J. McNeill,
President Littleton Lyceum.

Kitamaat, British Columbia,

March 3, 1883.

Dr. Sheldon Jackson,
New York, N. Y.

I came here the last of October, 100 miles in a canoe, it was very stormy and we were ten days on the way. The day after we left Fort Simpson, we got to "Inverness" and as the wind and tide was against us we thought we would stay all night. A storm came up in the night and drove our canoe under the wharf, it filled with water and everything was soaked, all our provisions for the winter, and all our clothes. I do not know how it was, but the water got into my trunk, and such a state as it was in, I would not have cared much for anything (for I did not take any good clothes) if my books had not been hurt, but they were entirely ruined. However, that was not much, I think some little good was done there. We were obliged to stay two days it was so stormy, indeed it took us that time to get our things dry. Another place we were obliged to stay three days, there was such a stormy wind, but we had no house to go to there, as it was just a camping place on the shore we put up our tents and made ourselves as comfortable as possible. I had no white person with me, there was my interpreter and his wife and seven Kitamaat men. We arrived here in the evening. I wish I could describe the scene when we landed, but it would be impossible, any one not used to Indians would have been terrified, nearly every Indian in the village came rushing down, swinging torches around their heads, and screaming at the top of their voices, many without anything but a blanket, everything looked so wild. But I shall have to leave all the particulars until I see you. As I told Mr. C. I could fill a book if I had the time or talent with what I have seen and heard since I came here. But oh, the care and responsibility. I am the first white missionary here, and I know a great deal depends upon how you commence with the people, they are so like children, I am teacher, preacher, Doctor, lawyer, Judge, Father, and everything else.

The Councils are a great trouble sometimes, it is almost impossible to control them when they get so excited. Generally they will submit to me, but sometimes they will not. I wish I could give you some of their speeches, if I only had time to write them down, but I can only write the business part. A man said the other evening, "God has sent this lady to us, she is like a lamp to our feet, to show us the way, and we must obey her". Another said, "What are we doing, why don't we listen to what this lady says? She knows what is right, we are in the dark." One Council when there had been opposition, and one man had said hard things about me, a big Chief got up and said, "Look here all of you, if you will that lady, I will die with her, and if she leaves here, I go with her, for I was in the dark, and she led me into the light, and she is teaching my children the right way, and I shall stand by her." Of course such speeches are encouraging, though there is much to discourage. But have never for a moment been sorry that

I came. This winter has been (I think) the most fruitful of my life. There has not been a Sunday, I believe, that some new one has not come out to church. All the old people are coming who were the most bitter against the Christians. Mr. Greeley expected there would be heathen feasts and dances - but I do not think they thought of one. Is not the Lord good to give us this encouragement after nearly three years' work? Perhaps I ought not to say that, for we know not but that those waiting hours are the most fruitful after all. I feel more and more the folly of trying to do anything in our own strength, is it not strange we ever try to do it?

Sometimes when I look at these poor people and see how much there is to be done, and then look at poor me, I say, "Who is sufficient for these things". Then I think the work is not yours, it is the Lord's and is anything too hard for God? Can He not make use of the weakest instruments and is it not more for His glory to use the "weak things", and so try to rest there. But it is wonderful how the Lord did sustain and help me, or at least how the Lord worked. At one time it seemed as if all the people were going to leave me, because I crossed them in some things, but I went quietly on my way. I was determined to do right, no matter what happened, and it was not long before I had all the people with me. We held a special service for two weeks, and it would have done your heart good to have been in some of our meetings. Nearly every young person in the village came forward to the altar, and many were I am sure truly converted, for their fruit appear already.

Today my heart rejoiced to see how one of my boys (I call them all boys though they are men some of them) turned away from temptation, poor boy he has had a hard struggle with his besetting sin, but he has been a brave soldier. He was the very worst, but he was the first to go forward. He said, "Oh, I feel as if my heart would break it seemed as if I was dying". I think that was true repentance. I wish all had felt the same. The work did not stop with the meetings, it has been going on ever since. All the old people are coming now, at first I could not get them out to church, but I would not give them up. Patrick my interpreter did not want to go to some of the houses, he said they were always against the Christians, but we went - and now I do not think there is one in the village against us, all have promised to give up their old ways. They say there is no use to hold out any longer - there is no way of escape.

On New Years Day "The Five Men" made a feast and invited all the heathen people, there were several chiefs among them, and they all made speeches, I cannot give them to you now, but they all said they did not know why they had stayed away so long from the Christian people. "How happy they are" they said, "we used to be always fighting, and killing one another, and now it is all peace". I spoke and told them how glad I was to hear them speak as they did, we wanted the old people

with us, because they were wise, and would help us. After the feast, I had hardly got home, before an old man the head chief of all the tribes came in to show me papers he had from different parties, saying he had always been a quiet peaceable man, and he promised to join us. The next day another chief came and said he wanted to join us, but that he had once started to attend church, and five men (chiefs) had laughed at him, "school boy", so he said he would never go again until all these men had started. "Now he said, three of them go to church, then the other two go, then I will". The next Sunday, I sent word to those two men, that I wanted to see them at church that day and they came -

The burden for souls has been so great sometimes, that I felt as if I should die, especially for the young men. (They were nearly all against me for some time). To me only those who have felt the same can tell what I suffered for those boys. Until one night as I was praying for them, something whispered "Do you not suppose I love those boys more than you do? and could I not save them without your help? I will give up your over anxiety for them, and I will show my power, and I did, and He did show his power in saving every one of them. When shall I learn to trust Him.

One old man said, I have a long time been against the Christians, but now, I have made up my mind to join them, and my heart is happy. I would not join before because we had no white missionary, but now we have one. I have only one trouble now and that is, that this lady will leave us, and we will all go back to our old ways - if she stays all the village will soon be Christians.

Just think of the responsibility, but I am in God's hands and He will order all things for good.

(Signed) Cassius Lawrence,
Missionary, Methodist Church,
of Canada.

Providence, R. I.,
Sept. 1st, 1884.

Rev. M. Jackson,
Dear Bro.,

I have been for some time a good deal interested in Alaska and the mission work being done there. I want the women of our churches, and the brethren too, to become better acquainted with this portion of our territory as a nation. It has come into my mind to ask you for a communication for the Missionary Helper, but I do not see how you can find the time to do so. I have been very grateful for the exchange with Pres. Home Missions.

It is an able and excellent publication, and has helped me much.

I send you my cordial sympathy in your present work, and pray that God's abundant grace may be given you for every trial and in every deprivation.

Sincerely yours,
W. H. Brewster.

Wendville, Pa.,
Sept. 30, 1884.

Rev. Charles Jackson,
My dear Sir:

Last June I made arrangements with you for a series of articles on the territories. I have heard nothing from you, in reference to them since. I am very anxious to secure a series of popular papers on this subject and should be much gratified to have you write them. May I rely upon you? If you can do the work, when shall I expect the copy. Would be glad to have the first article at the earliest date.

Very truly yours,

I. L. Flood.

1554 Capouse Ave., Scranton, Pa.,
Nov. 30, 1884.

Rev. Charles Jackson,
Dear Sir:

A short time ago I had the pleasure of listening to a lecture on Alaska by my neighbor and friend of yours, Mr. E. B. Sturges, one of your traveling companions last summer. Since then I have read your work on Alaska and that of Julia McNeil Wright, using for that purpose the book presented by you to Miss Winnie Cook of the Indian Office at Washington and I have the proof sheets of Mrs. Willard's work to read. But in reading Mrs. Wright's work, I was struck by the sensibleness of the saw mill scheme. That seemed a very good thing to do. We have five Presbyterian churches here in Scranton and I know all the ministers, suppose I get them to raise each a proportionate amount in their churches, of the necessary two thousand dollars and send a saw mill to some Alaskan mission field? I consulted Mr. Sturges about this plan and he suggested that there might be other things you needed more than saw mills and suggested

that I write to you first and ascertain what you thought of the scheme, or if there were other things that you needed more than saw mills. I write now in hopes that this may catch the December steamer. But will you when you receive it, write me if there is some special way in which our community can help you and I will try and get our Presbyterian churches here, interested in the work. Our church's missionary society has already sent contributions to Alaska, but of course that was to be expected as soon as we knew you were in want.

Now I will not burden you with a long letter for after all what can I say more than this, that if you will let us know what you want, we will try to do what we can to supply that want and remain 'till then.

Very truly yours,
J. H. Fisher.

1904

List of Home Boys, Nimitz, Alaska, 1904.

Home	Scholarships
Archie Steel	W. S. Miss H. M. Hamilton, Miss Arthur Lash.
Samuel Alexander	W. S. Mr. Harry Swinson, Jr. New York.
Rudolph Walton	W. S. Mrs. W. C. Miller, New York, N.Y.
Peter Thorsen	W. S. Miss W. C. Miller, New York, N.Y.
James Janssen	W. S. Mr. W. C. Miller, New York, N.Y.
Louis	W. S. Mrs. W. C. Miller, New York, N.Y.
Allen Miller	W. S. Mr. W. C. Miller, New York, N.Y.
Albert Monroe	W. S. Mr. W. C. Miller, New York, N.Y.
Carl	W. S. Mrs. W. C. Miller, New York, N.Y.
Fred	W. S. Miss W. C. Miller, New York, N.Y.
Hortimer	W. S. Mrs. W. C. Miller, New York, N.Y.
Eugene Doty	W. S. Mr. W. C. Miller, New York, N.Y.
Ben	W. S. Mrs. W. C. Miller, New York, N.Y.
Horris	W. S. Mr. W. C. Miller, New York, N.Y.
Ned Hall Mackey	W. S. Mrs. W. C. Miller, New York, N.Y.
Luke	W. S. Mr. W. C. Miller, New York, N.Y.
Theodore Hopkins	W. S. Mrs. W. C. Miller, New York, N.Y.
Frederick L. Moore	W. S. Mr. W. C. Miller, New York, N.Y.
Stanton Gady	W. S. Mrs. W. C. Miller, New York, N.Y.
Lawrence Gady	W. S. Mr. W. C. Miller, New York, N.Y.
William Bayley	W. S. Mrs. W. C. Miller, New York, N.Y.
Willie Wells	
Charley Farley	
Harold	
Bob Shaw Cook	(46) Calvary Pres. Church, Rochester, N.Y. W. A. Wickens, 25 Wyandott St.

To Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

We were often asking advice being their troubles, being to the cold weather. In action of the Indians and much work I find it impossible to run a pole fence along the sides of the land, I may find it difficult to hold the coast should the wish be what above expects.

The mail was delayed. The 2nd of December heavy winds prevented Johnson from leaving his camp in Igloo Cove. I will send him back today for the wind is shifting and our letters were all left at Junior though the ordinary mail is here. The P. M. was away and can't attend to business.

If you can get another paper on Government in Alaska I would like to see it as that that you spoke of did not reach me.

Christian love and regards from all your friends at Haines.

Eugene S. Williams.

Memoranda by Dr. Sheldon Jackson.

1st. When Presbytery meets it cannot intelligently legislate and arrange for the mission schools, unless it knows how much money it can secure for them from the Government, whether the Government will cooperate with the Board in maintaining and enlarging our present schools, or whether it will open separate and independent schools. This cannot be known in time for the July meeting.

2nd. The bill creating a Government requires that certain territorial officers shall report to Congress, and it is necessary to be done, concerning the Indians, their land, rights, education etc. Now the whole future of our Indian mission is dependent and will be affected by the character of that report and it is of vital importance that those not strangers to the country should meet with and have the advice of the Missionaries. But these men will not reach Haines as early as July.

Estimate 2.

For both Industrial Training and Day Schools in Southern Alaska.

Industrial Schools.			
Sitka.	100 pupils at \$150 each		\$15000
Kodiak.	40 " " "		\$6000
Unalakleet	40 " " "		\$6000
Day Schools.			
Haines (Chilkat)	40 pupils at \$37.50		\$1500
Soyd (Hoonah Tribe)	40 pupils		\$1500

Fort Wrangel (Tlichoan Tribe)	75 pupils	\$3750
Sitka (Tlichoan Tribe)	100 "	\$5000
Jackson (Tlichoan Tribe)	50 "	\$2500
Juneau (Tlichoan Tribe)	50 "	\$2500
Slary and travelling expenses of a Supt.		\$2000
		\$15,750

New York, N.Y.

Hon. Chas. F. Folger, Secretary of the Treasury.

The National Educational Association of the United States held their Annual Convention at Madison, Wis., July 11th-15th. At the close of the convention a portion of the delegates and their friends to the number of about 150 make an excursion to Alaska. Upon this excursion they greatly desire to visit Metlakatla British Columbia, the oldest and most successful Indian School on the North Pacific Coast. Please give instructions to the Collector of Customs, Fort Townsend Wash. Terr. in clearing the vessel to give the necessary papers so that the ship that conveys the excursionists, may land them at Metlakatla (no freight to be landed) and also that the captain if he desires can take on board at that point some lumber for the Government school buildings at Sitka. Kindly advise to pay the usual duty at Sitka.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson.

Manager of excursion.

Request was granted.

Hon. Sheldon Jackson,

My dear Sir:

I find your favor on my return from the west, and am glad to learn that you accept the General Management of the Alaska expedition. Mr. Geo. W. Agent of the No. Pacific asks me the rate of one hundred and fifty dollars from St. Paul to Sitka and return, with twenty days on the steamer, from "New Tacoma." I think this rate is too high and have so instructed him. The Gen. M. Manager of the N. P. Co. says he will give us a special steamer and make a longer excursion than to Sitka, if one hundred join the party. I think we can get as many as one hundred if we work for it. I have found several gentlemen deeply interested in the matter. Please write me at once your opinion as to the rate proposed. I think you can bring an influence to bear in New York, which will reduce the rate to one hundred and fifty dollars, I am

Very truly yours,

T. M. Dicknell, President.

National Educational Association,
Boston, Mass. Jan. 15, 1884.

Andover, Mass.
Jan. 1, 1904

Dr. Jackson,

Dear Friend:

I send by mail to you today the copies of the last of the sister's letters that we have received. I had thought to finish them some little time since, but there are so many of us to read them, and we are so far apart that it is quite longer to get them together.

I received the news of your having sailed at our former home in Chelsea and regretted having missed it as also the disappointment and trouble to yourself. I have received many pleasant accounts of your visit and lecture at New Castle. We are here with our son, who has entered Fall River Academy and expect to make our home here through the school year till he is through.

I was pleased to see the account of your interesting meeting in the interests of Alaska, at the Park St. church in last evening's Journal. Brother and I made some little effort at it in Chelsea last winter with very small success I fear but our prayers are with you all in the good work, that you may prosper and not cease.

I will be pleased to learn when the work is completed and hope it may do all and more than you anticipate.

Very sincerely your sister in Christ,
Wm. S. McClinton.

Tray, N.Y.
Jan. 3, 1904

Rev. Dr. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find \$5.00 order for two Dollars and fifty six cents. This amount was presented by a class of boys on our Christmas tree for the boys in Alaska. Will you please original envelope etc.

Yours very truly,
James E. Pratt.

Alameda
Jan 7, 1904

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Presuming you are at the Fountain of National Legislation occasionally and that we may hope for some recognition this year, I wish to emphasize what you perhaps know; that certain

Trading Companies propose as far as possible to influence legislation for Alaska and control appointments for their own interests. It is unfortunate too, that instead of cooperation between post trader and missionary there seems to be rivalry and strife. Our relations with Mr. Perry were pleasant. The people of the community were as though it were a foreign nation that all missionaries are beggars and parasites for whom you may be quite as well posted on these things as we are so I will not elaborate.

A large number of our people may take a step which they esteem as a perfection of faith, and a church now organized must wait to join, but I do not think they are ready just now a small or rather than a larger number may be willing. But if taken now would they be held to a consistent course? How are we to understand evidence of change of heart? I never got a blank certificate after the form I sent you which had been given me at this winter. They the people have just this festive season for their first of fun and have devoted their resources to feasting and giving and rest off in their meetings. But the time has not all been given to the feast. Services at church have been well attended, revivals and meetings have been orderly and impressive. The general manner of indulging and being indulgent some real advances have been made and a number of people have not back to the old way. We will probably have half our people here with us tomorrow.

Will starts this morning on trip and get out over the ice and make tracks. They are always asking if will start on morning through the ice and other meetings. say they sometimes take 300 or 400 a day then, but forget they wait a year for the time to come when that they have contracted to carry for the year ending with June 1st. But a contract is of little worth to a native Alaskan if he has seen a boat or gratify an impulse or a whim or breaking it.

Sincerely,

F. J. [unclear]

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

Dear Sir:

Wash., D.C.

Jan. 4, 1894

I am so thankful I have heard you this evening. I had started myself to go out on the 4th Anniversary of our S.S. on island promised to listen for me. But on going to our church I found it possible to be excused. I had an afternoon of your address and never had the privilege of listening before. If possible to find an evening when all of our churches are united we will surely invite you to visit. But what you will tonight. Nothing could be more convincing I am sure.

Please send me that [unclear] and [unclear]

Yours sincerely,
 Mrs. Deane.

Mr. Jackson, 111 1/2
 Boston, Mass.

Received, Feb.
 10, 1888

Rev. Mr. Jackson,

Sir,

Enclosed you will find the money which we would like to have you use as you see fit. I will be the means of helping some one, or more of you, to help some one. I believe that if all the American people could help in this, we would be glad if all the American people could help in this.

Yours and love, Deane.

Yours truly, Deane.
 Jan. 1, 1888.

Rev. Mr. Jackson, 111 1/2
 Dear Sir,

I have not heard anything from you since we were in New York. The world is so busy at this time that we are not able to write to you. I will get them in the time but it is very hard to wait. My little daughter Alice, who is now writing to you, I reply to her, when at home she is very busy about you. I am often surprised to find how much you have done for me, but it seems that your kindness to me when you visited us at school was a great inspiration to her.

We are greatly indebted to you for the roll of papers you so kindly sent. Mrs. Currier wishes me to especially mention the American Teacher which you sent to her, she is very much pleased with it. Because of the valuable list it contains. We are getting along here very nicely. The school is well and regular. The scholars are doing good progress and are just learning to read the English without knowing the meaning. Like my Indian I read and can read in the third reader and yet not understand a thing that they are reading, but of course that progress that will be of real benefit to them.

You know how the Indian congregations where they can build work and there is every prospect of a large church will be built at Juncos. Therefore whether I can hold the Indians here or not is a question which only the next future will decide. This winter there are not so many Indians here as last. I send you a rough draft of the report between here and Juncos.

I am preparing a vocabulary of the Indian language, also about thirty hymns in Indian. Would the Presbyterian Board of Publication publish them? Please let me know. The vocabulary will be a great help to the Indians who are learning the English language besides helping the missionaries to acquire the Indian. The hymns are an acknowledged success. It is very cheering to go into an Indian house and hear an old man shouting the gospel in his own tongue the truth by this means constantly ringing in his heart. Please do not make it public about the hymns and vocabulary. I feel very sad over the condition of things at Wamsil, may God over rule it for good.

Mrs. C. joins me in much love to yourself and wife.

Your brother in Christ,

N. H. N. Corlies.

Wamsil, N.H.

Jan. 5, 1884.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

My Dear Sir:

Your friendly note of recent date is received. It really I would state that our Wamsil meetings here are well attended but the date is nearly fixed out in the lectures next evening. That we would really like would be to have you on the Sabbath. It is the only time during the current month for which satisfactory arrangements could be made and a satisfactory audience secured. Can't you be with us next Sunday. Please inform us how this is, and what your terms are?

I will recall with pleasure my acquaintance with you and should be glad if the way were to open for us to meet you again.

Yours fraternally,
James Monroe.

New York,

January 11th 1884.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D.D.

Bureau of Education,

Washington D.C.

Dear Sir,

Your favor of the 9th is at hand. I will heed your suggestion and write to Dr. Halsey as you request. You are at liberty also to send out our circular, a copy of which you are please, changing the date to the present year for our mind on the subject and otherwise no change. This is one of the cases where the times change but we do not change with them. I will

try to come to the meeting in the West. It is a little uncertain however.

Yours very truly,

Wm. L. Lawrence.

Cor. Secy.

Baptist Home Missionary Society.

28 Pearl St., Charleston,
S.C.

Jan. 11, 1884.

Dr. Jackson,

My dear Sir:

Your favor just received. I am sorry to say it puts a danger on my plans. When I first asked you about coming I understood you to say you would take us in my car way to New York and the expense would be about \$100. Your travelling expenses from N. Y. to S. and return. Mrs. Bennett said she would be responsible for half of it, and so I have gone ahead on that basis. I am afraid we shall not stand the increased expense. I have been working the matter and find considerable interest. I think we could give you a good time if the weather should prove favorable. One influential man will write to Mr. Davis. He belongs to our church and is the founder of Deane College, Nebraska. Perhaps you can make it convenient to come according to the plan as I understood it. If so, please state the date. Our pastor Dr. Tenney feels much pleased with the prospect of your coming. He was formerly pastor of a church in your denomination. If he can serve us right.

Trusting we shall have the pleasure of seeing and hearing you sometime in the immediate future, I remain

Very truly yours,

Alonzo Messers.

Charleston, S.C.

Jan. 14, 1884.

Rev. and Dear Sir:

I was on the point of writing to you, when your favor of the 11th inst. reached me. We will be glad to have you at Bethlehem ere long. I have spoken with the pastors of our church and they are anxiously willing that you should address the congregation some Sunday morning, on the subject of Alaska and missionary work. The 30th of this month which our Rev. August will preach and will be there in a special service both in the afternoon and evening. The 31st of Jan. or the 1st of Feb. will be very well if either of these days should be convenient for you. Please to let us know as soon as possible.

I received the leaflets which you sent, but not the
 memorials to Congregations. These I am therefore not dis-
 tribute among our ministers.

If neither of the days suggested above should be con-
 venient, any Sunday prior to the season of Lent, beginning
 February 27th would suit the pastors of our church, I think.

With best wishes, I remain

Very fraternally yours,

Edmund de Schweinitz.

Rev. Dr. Jackson.

Streator, Ill.

Jan. 14, 1884.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Sir and Bro:

I am doing to deliver a series of Sabbath even-
 ing lectures under the auspices of the Ladies Missionary
 Society of our church on such subject as "Alaska and the
 Alaskans" "Utah and the Mormons," "New Mexico and the New
 Mexicans" etc hoping thereby to increase the interest of our
 people in the home missionary work of our church. Will you
 please suggest such material as will help me in the prepara-
 tion of such lectures? Can I obtain either by purchase or
 loan a large map of these territories? I spent my vacation
 last summer in New Mexico informing myself as to the needs
 of the people there, but I know but little of Utah and less
 of Alaska. Any assistance you may be able to render will be
 thankfully received.

Yours respectfully,

W. F. Fernald.

P. S. Can I obtain a "Home Missionary Magazine"?

Streator,

Jan. 14, 1884.

Dear Sir:

Yours received. Dr. W. F. Fernald will attend the dinner
 given to Spanish Catholics on next Saturday evening, but will
 be home on Sunday Jan. 20th afternoon. He will be glad to
 see you at that time. Come to us on Saturday, and be ready
 to give us your lecture on "Alaska" Sabbath morning next. We
 several and they want you to give that address. Drop me a
 line so that I may get you properly noticed in our daily
 papers.

Very fraternally,

Geo. W. Fitchell.

Fort Wrangell, Alaska.
Jan. 15, 1904.

Mr. Jackson:

The letter from Perryville came yesterday. I will send a reply. I have had two assistance seeking letters for this mail. I don't think matters are improving. I presume you have seen that shocking string of lies they have in the paper. I fear for the result. I saw a report that the House Catholics are to make a fresh start in the spring.

Do please let me know if you are sending out this answer if so I will tell you what I want. The week of prayer was observed last week not so much interest as last year. Dr. Young in consideration of what has passed thought better not to continue as we did last winter.

Remember me to Mrs. Jackson and the girls. I received a check.

Yours in Christ,
Fate A. Parnell.

Sitka, Alaska.
Jan. 15, 1904.

Dear Mr. Jackson:

I did not get a letter from you last month and I cannot tell you how much I missed it, for I feel that there is something more than business in them viz. Christian sympathy. We feel sadly the lack of this in this place. Mrs. Jackson wrote that you were away lecturing and I trust the Board will let you use the money you obtain after as much toil and care. I have written to Mrs. Van in regard to clothing etc as my uniform suit will not last till the Board gets out of debt. We have not received any money of mine. It is as yet since the fire. We managed to give the children a treat from the things we received last year that were to last to be of service then. We had a Christmas tree and the children all had a good time. We have fifty two children in the home and we shall need large supplies of clothing of all kinds. We need a surplus of things so that we can cloth new scholars when we receive them into the home. I have a promise of three or four bags from Hongkong. I told an Indian I would give him \$4 for each Indian brought down. If some one will send me some money it will be very acceptable for these little incidental expenses. If you can get some one to send us a hundred dollars to pay Mr. Walters for that yellow cedar lumber that we promised to take from him it would be a good thing. We need it now to make tables, bedsteads etc we find that we shall need at an early date, a building to be used for a girls kitchen and wash house with large stoves and boilers. The washing and cooking cannot be properly done with our

present facilities, and will become more difficult as we increase the number of boarders. I think if you depend on the goodwill of Mr. Gould's for lumber you will be disappointed. You had better send me a list of the kind, sizes etc you want and I will see if I cannot make some arrangement to get it for you. I will not get the lumber first that will be better. If necessary I will go out with the boys and will pay them something and let the money to build small houses on our ground for them, this would be an inducement for the other ones to stay with us, why not years longer. What do you think of this plan? Maj. Morris has been very sick but he seems to be better now. I saw the baskets of this steamer as directed to Mrs. Parker, Utica, N.Y. some of them are very nice.

Over one hundred Indians left here last week to attend a lot later at Houghton, Anishinabewong; the number although he is getting blind.

We have had so much wet weather here since we finished our system that we have been unable to walk it. Have not failed to finish our road house, we are a part of it now.

Summer just in. Received a letter from Mr. Hill in which he says he has sent me called, called etc. Says he will go west in a week and will send me a letter. I think he will send me seats from Chicago, says also such suits coming. He said that you will not be troubled on account of the minister's failure to meet here as directed. Please find within a letter from Mrs. Austin authorizing you to procure letters of dismission from this St. Francis Church.

I do not remember to have written to Mr. Hill about the number of children you told me to take in but my possibly have done so. I wrote him this time that I expected there to be four boys from Houghton, that I had been requested to get away from that tribe, but did not tell him who requested it. I have been doing just as you advised me, using my own judgment in taking the children. I desire to get the most promising ones and those who will be most helpful in our work. In certain cases I desire to break from this rule, but I am sure the board will approve me in all such cases. If we had plenty of money I should not put the children from four to eight years of age. To break this rule to train our own children is good and if possible it is more necessary to train the children of heathen parents at the beginning to obtain the best results. I mentioned the Houghton boys to Mr. H. so that he could send the extra shoes I requested. If I had some money to use in such cases I should not have to make excuses about such matters. I wish someone would send me a new pair of coarse broad shoes. No. 3, 4, 5, 6, I have my letter of dismission here. Will speak to Mr. Styles asking him to send for his letter. I send you a slip from a newspaper, given to Mr. Styles by Mr. Kostonchikoff. we have too much to do

of our anonymous correspondents. W. Ayres of the N.Y. Ad-
 vance has been paying attention to Linnie for several months,
 as not knowing whether it will lead to marriage or not.
 He is a very fine gentleman and I mention this as you speak
 of a rumor of a wedding in Alaska. Use this as you would as it
 saves your own daughter. Hope to give you some information
 about Mr. Haley in my next.

To Christian Science, New York.
 A. A. Smith.

Fort Wadsworth, Jan. 1894.

Dear Sir:

I was glad to get your letter and will be still
 more glad to welcome you to the Northern shore.

Our week of prayer passed off very quietly. We felt the
 Lord was with us. I am sure I have been wonderfully blessed
 in spirit this winter. My precious is God's word when it
 is to form our lives by its Word which better than any word of man
 is our comfort. And that which we are to have and I am so very
 anxious all our trouble, but since in awhile we, like Peter on
 the water look down and become a little frightened. She said
 the other day, "you keep me up to your faith." "Blessed be God
 who lives in all our liberality and liberality of heart."
 "If God be for us, who can be against us?"
 "With God all things are possible."

Last time the steamer stopped at Radeau Island, the mail,
 I did not get to see the one who brought the mail this time
 and being very busy partially forgot until the vessel was gone.
 Mr. McFarland says he would report each week to the committee
 and last winter, there were 100 letters. There are 100 letters
 now, a few are away for good and some are absent from home
 and I young men went home and visited their friends. He should
 give you as you enquired.

We are anxiously looking for the new steamer.
 My wife joins me in love to you and your family.
 Your brother in the Master's service,
 John W. McFarland.

Rochester N.Y.

Jan. 11th, 1894

Rev. Charles F. Johnson,

Dear Sir:

Your talk about Alaska given in the Cen-
 tral Presbyterian Church last fall deeply interested several
 of the young people who belong to the Jennie Linn Mission
 Society. As we were at that time busy in preparing for a con-
 ference which took place here. With us discussed to send a

least part of the money to Alaska. I therefore have just
sent in enclosing a draft for \$100, payable to you or to
to forwarder the same there. As I said before, we are in
accordance with our program as well as our duty to help you
along with your work.

It would interest us greatly to hear something about the
new project you are working on.

Will you please send us a receipt for the draft?

Best wishes,

Wm. A. Gray, Treas.

30 Lorimer Street,

Rochester,

N.Y.

Office of Foreign Missions,
111 E. Charles Street, Baltimore, Md.

J. J. Williams, Esq.

My Dear Sir,

This will be handed to you by Dr. Jackson my
old acquaintance of mine and for many years a missionary among
the Indians who would be glad to be introduced to Mr. Williams,
a member of Congress from Louisiana. Dr. Jackson is well known
in New York and is a gentleman of great respectability. If
practicable, I hope you will aid him in the introduction
which he desires.

Yours truly and affectionately,

J. Jackson Williams.

Baltimore, Md.

Jan. 10th, 1894.

My dear Sir:

Your father is at home. Sunday the 10th of Feb. will
be the day for your arrival in Alaska. We hope to see
you on that day. It will be well to let me know positively
prior to Monday the 5th of Feb. so that the proper announce-
ment may be made to the congregation.

I will be very glad to have you stop at my house, and Mrs.
H. will be happy to entertain you. She has brought up an
excellent California.

I remain very fraternally yours.

Yours to the end,
J. Jackson Williams.

The Rev. W. Jackson.

St. Nikolai Female Seminary,
Nikolai, Alaska.
Jan. 20, 1904.

Rev. William Jackson,
Dear Sir:

We are happy to send a small contribution to assist in carrying on the work in Alaska. Please find a check enclosed for fifty eight dollars and thirty eight cents for contributed for this purpose by teachers and pupils here.

Very truly yours,

Charles C. Melvin.

W. W. Woodward Principal.

Jan. 20th. This has been delayed and still is added to a postal note making the whole seventy dollars.

Santa Fe, N.M.
Jan. 23, 1904.

My Dear Mr. Jackson:

I doubt if it is quite necessary I should write you again, but I am so full of thanksgiving that the Lord has so left Alaska on you that I want to express it. Mrs. Far has written me that either under Government or through the Board you are going to get there next spring.

Mrs. Willard's sufferings are bearing results, and Ted has heard and is becoming prepared for release. Perhaps the letters for the Northern women may have helped the matter in Boston. The far from a thousand have been distributed there since last March.

Before I knew you were in Washington I was wishing I could get some one to speak for and the aid of the authorities, if the danger to the natives was realized. I am sure children who by accident should be the leaders should not be left to ignorance they are now in.

Yours for the love of Christ,

John A. Pease.

Palmer, Alaska.
Jan. 23, 1904.

Dr. Jackson,
Dear Brother:

The mail came in last evening and tonight at 10:30. Mrs. Jackson brought letters for Mr. & Mrs. C. C. Melvin and at Juneau. From many little things are inclined to believe W. W. Co. is trying to find something to promote about connecting "passage" as for next year we would like to have a regular mail but would rather you did not have the contract, unless there is someone at Juneau who can and will look after it. It was sure so long as Mr. Berlin was there to attend to

it but could be hindered the way it is at present. Johnson attends to it himself as says he does not want it for another year unless there is more money given. I think he would like to have the job at \$500 a year. Send the mail money to me I give Johnson \$24 this trip \$24 the balance from check sent me by you and \$24 of my own.

Mrs. Wright's book on Alaska was received. Please receive our thanks.

I conducted the meetings all but one during the week of prayer without an interpreter and since then the weekly prayer meetings and often Sunday services. Several of the younger people have expressed a desire to get away all superstitions and follow the gospel teachings. We have been hindered and delayed a great deal by our interpreter but the work is not done, so we go on endeavoring to get the seed sown.

I am opening a road across to the Chilkoot river as our freight will now go as in the care of the Chilkoot Packing Co.

Hope to get up a small log house next week and then in four days for work in the spring.

Kind regards and Christian love for all.

Your brother in Christ,

Wm. C. Willard.

Indrover, Yukon.

Jan. 21, 1894.

Mr. Jackson,

Dear Friend:

Yesterday morning I received letters from Mrs. Willard of which the package I send you by this mail is the latter part. Sometimes since I sent that I certainly thought would be the last for this winter, but we have been again favored; so I hasten to say and send to you hoping that they may not be too late. Have you any time for the "Bible" or are you waiting a Insurance time for the "Bible"?

Wish you and your family are well, with kindest wishes.

Your sister in Christ,

Mrs. C. Willard.

Chilcoot, Chilkoot Country, Alaska.

Jan. 22, 1894.

Mr. Jackson,

Dear Friend:

I received your letter of December 14th by this mail. You had answered my letter, but please do not think I expect you to answer all my letters. We have much to do without that.

and so I would not ask for even "just a line from your hand", as so many say when I have answered a letter for Mrs. Willard they say they are very glad to hear from me, but would just like a line from Mrs. W's hand. And unless it is something that I need to know or not trouble about it, I am sure of your interest and so I write to you.

I received the book safely and thank you very much for it. I think one lady mentioned to it in Boston Mary's sister, Miss Lucy Stevens and that Mrs. McMillan Stevens was her sister. I don't know certainly but her sister was called Cornelia, and she taught among the Sioux and she married a Mr. Gavan. I find that one of Mr. Riggs children was called Cornelia as I think it must be Mary's sister, a half sister she was, a daughter of this sister's the only remaining child I think is a member of a Protestant ministered in St. Louis. Mary's sister lived in Canada once and her husband was a half brother of Mary's and was brother of Cornelia's, lived in Washington, his name is Powell Stevens. I think I must tell Mary of the book for she would like to read it. I wrote to you of its safe arrival last mail. I also wrote to the lady who sent me the book. By this mail I received a letter from a young lady, as a young girl, secretary of the mission board in South America, Peru. I read from the letter that the board was organized as a result of one of your lectures. She is looking over her letter says you advised them to correspond with me. I will take great pleasure in writing to them and will tell them all I can that is of interest about our mission and people. I like to write and only wish I could do it as well as Mrs. Willard says, when say I can't put it as she does. Then I tell her that I would like to see her in person, but I am a very willing one to sit at home.

I have been having almost a night school, as some of the young men and some of the little boys who have taken quite a notion to come up to our house in the evenings to study, and I am very glad to help them all I can. I know that the young men will not have long the chance for some of them at least will go up to Japan in the spring. So I want them to learn all they can. Sometimes I think it is a pity they do not go on and learn more, sometimes it seems as if a little learning was almost as evil to them. A little makes them sick for a native man's eyes, and they do not get the best up here, and they do not learn enough to choose the right. I notice that the two who have been to Japan and one of them is most anxious to learn and just like some big boys at home about the "trickies" as it is called. It is childish, really. Perhaps I am not right about it and as they want to learn I will do all I can to help them leaving the result to Him who is able to save for it as He wills it. I think when they come up to our house that day in the evening, they get an idea of being nice and quiet in their quarters. One evening I carried some plates home to show Mrs. Willard, the writing before I

showed it off. Now as one man of the village, or rather he belongs to the next village and the village he wanted to know if a Klondike did that, and when they told him yes he took it and looked at it quite a while. He and several men came to school next day, but then they are not working most of the time.

Now you are they going to send to be in the house with me. I do not think I am fit to take charge of it though I will do all I can to assist the work. I am not fit either physically or mentally, except I am pretty well now. I suppose Mr. McFarland would think it unkind in me to plan to take Kate with me from here, but I don't think of anyone else and as I suggest here. I think it may be not send her there ought to be a man and his wife for there ought to be another man, but you have lost about that. As there was a possibility of a steamer coming to our bay if there was enough freight for and for the through, but it would be well for me to make out a list of things I would like to have or want and have it brought at that time, as I said. I did not like to go ahead and take the responsibility but I did not know how it might be, and if the steamer did come to our bay it would be the very best time and chance to get them and if not then all will have to be passed over the trail, making it pretty unpalatable. I think I will remain at home unless the steamer had at least afterwards chance to pay for it and consider it better, and the furniture is up now and can be used in some other room. But I prefer to make the second place in the house. I will be glad indeed to see you if you can come in the spring and I hope soon all of your family can come with you. We had such beautiful weather last May and June and I think the weather is beautiful.

Well I expect this is as much as you can take time to read. I hope you must be working hard and will deserve a good rest in the spring, still you must hard when you come to this country too, so there is no room rest for you.

With love to your family.

Sincerely yours,
Charles L. McFarland.

Charles McFarland,
Nasikam, Alaska Co.
Jan-27, 1904.

Mr. Charles McFarland, Co. Co.
Nasikam, Alaska, Co.

Dear Sir:

I had a hard trip from Wrangell to here, taking nine days. The first four days out from Wrangell we had fair wind, but the sea was rough and the ship had to stop in camp. It was very cold the fifth day we got half way to Prince Rupert.

the sixth day we made Point Baker. The passage from Roberts to Flawalk was frozen so we had to take over sea. It was the first time I ever felt afraid in a canoe. We rounded Cape Role about 7 P. M. in a blinding snow storm, if we kept near enough to see the land we were in danger of being wrecked on hidden rocks, which only make themselves known everytime a seas broke over them. It was a night of terrors, about 12 P. M. we found camp but the water was so shallow that the canoe would not float so we had to take off our boots and wade in that icy water, with six inches of snow on the ground we had no fire being too dark to gather fire-wood. But we had as the Indians termed it a tenses prayer meeting. There was nine of us and we each testified to the Master love for us. It was a very impression service, the next day we broke camp at sun rise. We passed a number of fur seal but being out of ammunition we had to sail on. The same night we made a large Hannagar Hunting camp. I delivered your message and told the the benefits their children would receive by going to the Home in Sitka. They have my talk under advisement and I am to call at Itaxoi Kalm and receive all children who choose to come. I hope to bring many. The next morning we made Flawalk. I had the pleasure of meeting three men of our own race and believe me it was a relief to talk English. I stayed only long enough to take breakfast, that night I slept in the Tydah country, the next day we would meet our people in their canoes on their way to their hunting camps; they seemed pleased to see that I had returned to them. They say they thought I had left them entirely. At last I reached home (Home Sweet Home) Well Gen'l Grant is not much on shaking hands, but think if he were surrounded on the beach and coming off a canoe cold and hungry he would have to shake hands on such an occasion. I found the G family all well. Mr. Gould is much pleased with the progress you have made in your work and thinks you have done well for so short a time. My mill is all right, I shall box it up and make ready to come to Sitka. Now I do not know as you will receive this are you go below. But will you make a memoranda of all work and all the duties you require of me and give them to Mr. Austin and I will carry them out to the letter. I am satisfied to come and do all your work and help you to the best of my ability. I only regret that I was not more useful than I was, but my mill was ever before me and I was discontented. I will bring you in Tyhee Stick so you can write Mr. Hill or not just as you choose. One of our Indians has two model Tydah canoes, do you want them? He also proposes to build a Tydah house in Visture, he is a most excellent workman, the inside to be just the same as the old houses the upright posts to be carried with their gods and a Tyhee stick outside. I have told him to go ahead for you can carry it east and you can better illustrate the manner of living of these people.

I wish to be kindly remembered to Mrs. Jackson. I think

of her very early often and thank her for her many kindnesses to me.

I enclose you the book on Steam Launches from their description they are simple safe and quick (I hope to run one for you) The one I want I think is the best suited for you. I shall take account of stock this week and pack and fill up everything as far as can be by the March census.

Remember me kindly to the boys and say I hope to be with them before long. Wishing this day find you well and enjoying God's blessing, I remain

Ever yours in Christ,
W. B. Melrose.

Manchester, N.Y.
Jan. 29, 1884.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Sir

The "Society Land Missionary Society" is in receipt of your letter of the 24th inst. acknowledging the check for one hundred dollars. The young ladies do approve of your using the money to have water introduced into the buildings of the school at Sika, and we hope it will save missionaries some labor. We will also be very glad to receive your quarterly letters and will look forward to them with great pleasure. The missionaries have our earnest prayers that this grand work may go on steadily until all the world is converted to Christ.

Very respectfully yours,
Harriet D. Allen.
Sec'y J. L. H. S.

No. 14 Howell st.
Manchester, N.Y.

Albany, N.Y.
Jan. 14, 1884.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Sir

Enclosed you will find draft for \$34.16 which the Sabbath school of the Second Presbyterian Church of Albany contributed to the Sika Mission. Please acknowledge draft.

Very truly yours,
David Nimrod.
Sec'y.

97 Lancaster St.

Jackson, Alaska.
Jan. 28, 1904.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

Dear Bro:

Mr. Halsey arrived safely at this place on the 22nd after a nine days stormy passage from Wrangell, also to hear from him of the prospecting at Sitka.

Thanks for the check as I find I need as much as it is convenient to get here. I send statement of first year's work of mail as per your request. It may seem to you a peculiar kind of business document. I find it best to take things as I find them and have to try and make them as I would have them. Taking it all in all I think we have a fair margin left, and I first heard the matter talked of at Wrangell and to the month was the estimate. A native never knows what he wants until he tries them he always wants more. I think we are fortunate in having these cigarettes come in so many times in spite of wind and weather and have not lost up supplies of same and had to pay for a new lot. Have not plenty of worry and anxiety. Have had sometimes to furnish soap and other items with small "Palmolive" not mentioned of course. It is a great deal to us. Fewer from you during your visit June 30 1901 (you have last night of what amount of individuals) and cheese as one of my smallest items. Some is misplaced. Have received \$100 since. The same itemized account of other expenditures for benefit of the mission if desired. I desire to know the manufactures from which your school seats and desks were obtained as I would learn the cost of the exchange table. They could be gotten here at the same cost put in them, we have some nice ones here if strong enough.

Heard from Mr. Willard about his arrival at Sitka. Halsey's are here and more anxious for a teacher. There is much need of some one at Wrangell and Juneau as I hear. Dr. Corliss has not returned from the west. Do you wish see the these large silver about you, you have, they are probably as obtained now. We have at such "stores" and people are getting your and family to sell almost anything. Are it's too their estimate of total attack and useless savings.

We are well. Family join in kind regards. Please remember us kindly to Mrs. Jackson with my regrets that we cannot be reconciled to Alaska.

Your brother is Christ,
J. Louis Gould.

Telegraph.

Washington, D. C.

Sheldon Jackson,

Proscribed and Sighting House, 1000 1/2 Centre St., N. Y. State.
Also immediately on an issue for the same school in

either appropriate bill.
 John Brown,
 Congressman.

House of Representatives,
 Washington, D. C.
 June 27, 1884.

Dear Sir:
 Your bill (numbered 200) is Friday morning at 10.30 at
 the National Law Library and you can have a hearing.

Yours,
 T. A. Johnson, U. S.

London, Kansas.
 Jan. 25, 1884.

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Your kind letter of the 11th received at 11 AM.
 We are thankful that your many correspondence and weight of
 power, we are encouraged, cheered and encouraged - especially
 letters from you as reminders of your kindly interest.

My recollection is that last month I wrote of our will
 not the future. It was in O.C. this month. We are in good
 health and good heart, though our surroundings are not all that
 we hoped to have them and are often perplexed as to what is
 the best thing to do. We are going to organize a group all
 our own satisfactory answers to the following questions
 may become numbers, that if the questions will have an act on
 it as answered by "yes" more than 100 would have done in
 the entire country. It is expected to be the end of Christianity.

Let's it better they would have something of what it
 would be a number of Christ's visible church even if they
 had not been in good faith. The question of carrying these
 who seek to be recognized as men and wife by the celebration
 of the form of Christian marriage is various, if they would
 send their own or would be glad joined to someone else
 otherwise, let it be as not then it is but a mockery and
 crime - marriage upon those who enter relation and their
 promises and the more a sin. There are certainly many. All
 you can, others, do not carry any. We have found it quite a
 source of surprise to hear or to try to keep peace among the
 married, they seem to recognize the fact that a stronger ob-
 ligation is upon them than others. Sometimes are certainly
 better than they were and we have reason to be encouraged to
 hope still better things. One of our sources of surprise is
 that from Utah, Queen's Island, St. Simpson, come to our
 place as a city of refuge and are much refugees as are not
 the best citizens and make certainly a strong argument in
 favor of some kind of protection for us and our people is

steps of law, yet there has been little of real lawlessness, especially such as laws anywhere would take hold of in town, for the absolute authority which just now rules here may not always be an absolute power.

Family join in kindest regards.

Yours in the Gospel,

J. Arthur Doyle.

German Theological School.

Glenside, N.Y.

Jan. 31, 1894.

Rev. William Jackson, D. D.

Dear Sir:

Can you speak to us of Alford on Thursday evening next, February 7th.

Sincerely yours,

Charles H. Allen.

25 Park St., Charleston, S.C.

Feb. 2, 1894.

Mr. Jackson,

My dear Sir:

I am glad to inform you our Sunday School Com. voted a twenty five dollar N. Y. Library for one of the schools in Alford under your charge. The Superintendent will attend to the matter, his address is

H. F. Parker,

34 Washington St.,

Charleston, S.C.

Mrs. Daggett with whom you converse at the Park St. Church called this P. M. and is anxious to know where you had taken us in by the way of N. Y. She hasn't given up the original plan of a visit from you. She is a member of the Com. of an Indian Missionary Society which raises socially meetings in Boston. They want you to come and give an address under their auspices. Although no money has been paid to us enough has been pledged to pay your expenses from and back to N. Y. Of course we shall be glad to entertain you whenever you so come.

Trusting to hear from you, I am

Very truly yours,

Alfred H. Hays.

41 J St. N. Y.

Feb. 2, 1894.

Rev. Dr. H. B. West,
U. S. Senate,
Room 1000.

Washington, D. C.
Feb. 2, 1904.

My dear Sir:

Mr. West introduced the Rev. Dr. William Jackson of Alaska, who is deeply interested in the work of civilization for the Indians, and giving them the benefit of the Lord. He was recommended as a missionary to the Indians in 1898 and expects soon to return to Alaska.

I commend most warmly Mr. Jackson to your kindly efforts, and am confident he is an efficient worker for the best interests of your people and the Indians.

Sincerely yours,
A. W. Fisher.

Wm. Jackson, Alaska.
Feb. 2, 1904.

Rev. Dr. H. B. West,
U. S. Senate.

I have found in a blank book a draft of the most interesting and touching I think perhaps I omitted to mention it in my letter to you, so I send this to make sure.

Account of Mrs. Carline and my thanks for the book on Alaska by John Wright, we enjoyed reading it very much.

And we have discovered that while this history, we have not yet purchased it yet. I will tell you what it will prove to be. It is a beautiful reproduction of the old, and articles improve by examining but not so with interest.

Mrs. Carline joins me in most love to yourself and wife.

Yours in the love of Christian Fellowship,
W. L. Carline.

Washington, D. C.
February, 1904.

Rev. Dr. H. B. West,
U. S. Senate.

The importance of our present need for an industrial training school for Indian children in Alaska is so great and there was so little time at the hearing on Friday, that I take this opportunity of making two suggestions in the train of your Indian Appropriation bill.

1st. Instead of appropriating \$100,000 in a lump, make it conditional on the number of children at 2500 each. This brings it in conformity with the action taken for the Indian Schools at Forest Grove, Or. Houghton, Va. and Lawrence, Kan. page 124 of Testimony.

2nd. On page 128 of "Education" including territories and states. For example in New Mexico, Dakota, Montana territories are good Industrial schools, that would be like to send themselves of the benefits of that provision.

For as to the Industrial school asked for Alaska.

1st It is an act of humanity and justice, insert page 123.

2nd It is a good public policy, page 127. They have taken it up north and south east and west and petitions are in on Congress.

3rd It is asked for by all the National Educational Convention of the U. S. by the great Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian and Roman Catholics.

I have before me circulars showing that the churches, leading educators and members of the country have gone to work to press upon Congress the importance of education for Alaska, and I presume no one paragraph of report, with be more closely watched by the public than the appropriation for an Industrial school for Alaska. It is a significant fact that the whole country without reference to sections is asking for it. The teachers and educators represent the minds of the people of the whole country, and there is more interest taken in that one paragraph of the Indian Bill than all the others put together. It is officially asked for by the Sec. of the Interior, Sec. of Education, and Sec. of Indian Affairs and endorsed by the President.

Trusting your labors will provide for this school, I remain

Yours truly,
Sheldon Jackson

Heaville, Va.
Feb. 5, 1891.

Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Sir:

Enclosed find draft for amount of collection, which would have been sent two days earlier but for the sickness of my treasurer. It is less than I supposed, and I am very sorry. Had I not understood that it was more I would not have consented to the ladies taking it. I certainly trust that you will not be led to regret your trip here. You lectured kindly a great deal of interest and will long continue to exert a good influence and see that my result in actual good results.

With kindest regards from Mr. J. and sincere thanks for your coming and lecture.

Travelling yours,
Rev. W. H. H. H.

Washington, D. C.,
Feb. 4, 1934.

Dear Mr. [Name]:

The chairman called to know how I felt about the alert about a future meeting and I don't know if they will wish to hear my own testimony or not. I will be down again on Tuesday.

Very truly,
W. A. Rouse.

My dear Mr. [Name]:

I am sorry that I was not at home when you called with my friend and pastor, Mr. Dr. Mitchell. Your lecture seemed to be of great interest in your subject and I will be glad to aid you in bringing it to public attention whenever you will let me hear from you. Through the intelligence or by any other means I may be influenced to take notice to this strange land.

Very truly,
W. A. Rouse.

Philadelphia, Pa.

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1414 Foxallton Ave.
Feb. 4, 1934.

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Philadelphia, Pa.
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My dear Mr. [Name]:

Your book received for which you have my thanks. I expect to be in Washington on Monday and will urgently recommend the matter to Mr. Mitchell, the rest I must leave to his conscience and idea of public duty. I know how difficult it is to make public men realize the importance of such enterprises. I will probably be at the National Hotel on Monday night.

Very truly and truly yours,
W. A. Rouse.

1117 Second St. N.W.
 Wash. D.C. 20004

Mr. Evelyn Jackson,
 25 Centre St.
 Seattle, Wash. 98101,
 New York.

Dear Sir:

I sent several of your "Memorials to Congress" on the Alaska Education question along with a number of "Memorials" to several other Mr. Chamberlain and Mr. Jackson, and have just heard from Marvin to Jerry for a number of "Memorials" that the Senate has passed a bill concerning the Alaska education in Alaska. Is that with your committee? Is it now?

Mr. James will do what he can for the people of Alaska this fall. Is there anything you or the committee can do to help you might send us a few more "Memorials" to Congress. To get any favorable news from them?

Yours,
 A. W. Davis.

Washington, D.C.,
 Nov. 17, 1964

Mr. Evelyn Jackson,
 Dear Sir:

When I landed in Washington at the Potomac Hotel at the U.S. Ave. March I wanted to speak to Mr. Davis with you but could not get the opportunity, and you wanted more you are staying I have been unable to write to you since. I wish to suggest that if the money for the school was not all been contributed I also it to be an Alaskan school for which my sympathies have been extended by sending them. Mr. James. If that has been provided for then we it as you wish best.

Very truly yours,
 A. W. Davis, Secretary.

Washington, D.C.,
 Nov. 17, 1964

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 Mr. W. Davis.

Dear Sir:

I referred to your last letter of March, Mr. W. Davis Jackson. Please send it to the Alaska School for the Blind, 1117 Second St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004.
 Your friend,
 A. W. Davis.

Washington, D. C.
Feb. 17, 1904.

Dear Sir:

I appreciate your kind gifts by sending some of my materials.

I also will send you a dollar's worth of some of the best of papers, including one or two of the other journals. Also, a sketch of the country. You see how I am making the most of your own articles, and as I want to make the most of them among the people, I am sending you some of the best of papers.

I am sure that you will be of great service to the people of Alaska.

Very truly yours,

Wm. H. Pittman.

Wm. H. Pittman

Secretary of the Interior

Washington, D. C.
Feb. 17, 1904.

Dear Sir:

I am very sorry that the weather prevented the attendance of Mr. Ellis and yourself at my church last evening. It was a great treat to hear Mr. Jackson's lecture on Alaska. I am sure you will get much out of it as he is so good at the other churches of the city. The more I read and hear concerning Alaska, the more I am drawn to the great indifference of this Congress and the people toward that country. But I am glad to believe that that indifference is rapidly passing away and that the better portion of our citizens are seeing and realizing that Congress will make some action for the good of Alaska. I have been so glad to hear that the churches and leading citizens of the country have gone to work to get the people to understand the importance of schools for Alaska, and I presume the paragraph of your report will be well received by the public. It is a significant fact that the public country school reference is made, partly or entirely, in the report for the year. I am myself so much interested that some of the best of the work is the subject of an address before my church. But not fearing that in the great presence of public duties the appropriation for an industrial school asked for by the Indian Commissioner might be overlooked or postponed of minor importance by your committee, I want to put in a friend asking that you will see that it is included among the appropriations to Indian Education.

Very truly,

Wm. H. Pittman.

Washington, D. C.
 Nov. 10, 1914

Rev. Charles Johnson, D. D.
 Dear Sir

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Getting your letter the first part of the 10th of the 11th

Very respectfully,
Sophy Monfort.

Sitka, Alaska.
Feb. 23, 1904.

Dear Mr. Jackson:

The steamer came in at 4 P. M. today (Saturday) I will leave at 4 P. M. tomorrow. I have been sick for several days with a severe cold and feel hardly able to sit up tonight, have a severe pain in my left side. It seems very much like pleurisy. I have been in the ranch this afternoon visiting the sick and got very wet. You will please excuse all mistakes. Mrs. Austin is sick with a severe cold; she received word by this steamer of the death of her mother on Jan. 18th. On Jan. 15th Peter Charan the Indian boy who has been our interpreter for the past two years, went to the ranch to see his mother and while there was seduced by a prostitute who had been living with a white man ever since I came to Sitka (a sister of one of the "bad boys") they were hid under the old store house by Col. Hall and we could not find them for two days. Our boys brought him back. I punished him severely took away his uniform shirt and have taken another boy in his place to interpret for me and do not allow him to visit the ranch again for this reason. He feels his disgrace very much and I think it will deter any others. As inclined from committing a like offense I went to see Capt. Connelley about the matter and he put the woman in the guard house for 15 days as a punishment and he told her to do all the manual work about the place. If I had sent him away he would have gone to destruction, and if any of the boys become dissatisfied at any time they would have adopted the same plan to get away from the home. Such things are very discouraging but they are to be expected, licentiousness is one of their greatest sins and they have been taught and even encouraged in it by some of the very people who write malicious reports about natives etc. in Alaska. I feel that so far as I am concerned that censure from such people is a thousand times more desirable than praise. I think the lot of Mr. H. adjoining us is worth \$200 and the lot and house is worth a thousand or twelve hundred. If we could get the lot next to us it would give us room enough for the three buildings, although it would be nice to have them all out of the way with their pigs etc. Mr. H. has been sick confined to his bed for nearly a month. Mr. Styles tells us that records at the Custom House were saved. Ordered the duck suits long ago. Have receipts for two boxes of dry goods, hope they are the suits. Have made requisitions for fish net, school books etc and Mr. Hall wrote me by last steamer that they would come, thought he would get the seats in Chicago.

Mr. Hill asked me if I would be willing to come out and away they were crazy. I told him yes I would swear they were crazy at that time, their conduct went ahead of anything I ever saw and I don't you would have come to the same conclusion had you been here. When we were asked her work. I hear of some long glowing letters she has written. Beside Mathews is very anxious to have me in the Home that is to be up there. Mr. Hill when he was here thought that was the place Mrs. McWilliams should go. As of course I should not like to interfere with any of his arrangements, it is only a fancy of Besie's. She thought my visit last summer did her so much good, and she wrote to ask if I would go. I hurt my hand over a month ago and it still hurts me to write. For some time we have had to pump our water for nearly half a mile, so mail got for a family of near forty. I had to go every time it was needed for the girls cannot be trusted alone, but rain has come to our aid.

I must close with love to Mrs. Jackson and the girls.
 Your sister in Christ,
 Jane A. Jackson.

Sitka, Alaska
 Jan. 24, 1894.

Dear Mr. Jackson:

Yours of Jan. 10th just received. We arrived here Jan. 20th on Lee. Had six days storm after reaching Mt. St. Elias, reached the latter point in 12 days from San F. The Lee is the one registered and will carry 250 tons of general cargo under deck. She has just gone to Puget Sound for coal, lumber etc and will return about March 15th. For a full cargo we could carry freight from the Sound or San F. for 10 per ton. This is 50 cheaper than we have been able to get freight of schooner heretofore with our exception. But you must write to Mr. Asa Barker at 108 California st, San F. He is not a full partner in our business. We have taken invoices of all our stock and he has put in his third part. The schooner is a very fine sea vessel and but for revenue cutter at Baltimore, Insurance by her from San F. is one per cent. Mr. Barker is an elder in Calvary church and will be very friendly to religious work here. He might take part of our load at San F. and call in all the goods for what you would want. If you could make your purchases at San F. we could bring say a 100 tons for you at the above rate. We shall need goods by the time she returns from San F. and could not give you all of our space. If you think best I can call Presbytery together in July. Let me know as soon as possible what will suit your convenience best. I need not write you about Maj. Myers now. We have that the schooner had already been appointed. I think I have been ever in your debt.

The mission here is thriving and the work is whole some. The influence from the U. S. M. Board is good and tells us what Sprague is doing at Shashan. If he has never read you could say of him. Dr. Whitford will be on the schooner and I shall remain here. Styles feels like he is not really fitted for missionary work except as a carpenter, and he has had his salary reduced. We can employ him in our service and do well by him. I think it would be best for the Board to employ someone else who could leave Mr. Austin more aid in proper missionary efforts. Styles can't do this. He can't leave himself to take part in any public exercises except to play the organ. He can't speak nor lead in worship. This is a serious drawback. In our work he can be all that we desire, but I hope that you will not feel that I have done wrong in employing him.

I have read the clipping which you enclosed. Suppose that are this you've had sight of Oakford. I hope that we are about to begin a new program. Hope you will have success in securing an appropriation for educational purposes. Mission work has done the Sitchens no harm but good.

Sincerely yours,
J. O. Brady.

Fort Wrangell, Alaska.
Feb. 25, 1904.

Dear Dr. Jackson:

We were reading the "Gospel in the Land" last evening which you kindly mailed to us. We gathered a many facts from your article just what we were wanting to know at such at this time our hearts were set on fire and we said you we will be willing to leave here, for there is no man education in all other places and so many helpers crowding in here and only 273 of a population while Kallinaw has 666. I was actually building an air castle the other day. I said would it be too nice to be commissioned for Kallinaw and go up with you when you go on the June steamer. I feel much more confident of our success if you will stand by us, for if the Board should go back on us you would get Government aid for us. We are praying for you that every hindrance may be removed and that you will secure the appropriation for us. Won't Dr. Lindley just ravel I have some good things to tell you when you come out. I said he is talking of coming up next summer. I don't know what the Board meant by appointing Mrs. Young to go independent. She came here with a well filled pocket book. And this just gives her the rope she wants with Dr. Lindley to back her. Now every lady will be wanting to send their money direct to the missionaries. They will think that they had better listened to you. I was so pained to see that notice in the St. Louis Evangelist that

our health had failed, my husband's mind troubled, that
 godless we would return east and others take our places. I
 wrote this week that it was false. I wonder now what was to
 them. I was so put out with Mr. [redacted] he should never have
 written that article, after coming here and taking dinner
 with us, he certainly knew better. I could hardly keep from
 writing a refutation of it. Our very action showed we were
 mortified as he did ask him to unite with us in reading God's
 word and prayer. I presume he thought it was strange, but we
 told him it was our custom.

We send you Osgood's big lies we have marked them all,
 and he cannot prove any of his assertions.

With much love to Mrs. Jackson and yourself.

Sincerely yours,
 Wm. L. McFarland.

Baltimore, Maryland
 February 25, 1884.

Rev. Mr. William Jackson,
 24 Centre St., New York.
 Esteemed Friend:

Enclosed please find A. B. Carter Cashiers check on
 Importers & Traders National Bank, New York, February 25th,
 to the sum of \$25.00 which please apply to the fund for
 building school house for Mrs. McFarland's school for Indian
 girls at Fort Wrangel, Alaska. Contributed by the Sunday
 School of Broadway Ave. Presbyterian Church, Baltimore, Md.

Please acknowledge receipt and let me know how the
 building is progressing for this school of Mrs. McFarland's
 and any other information that will be of interest to our
 Sunday School in relation to Fort Wrangel and boys school
 at Sitka and others.

Very truly your friend,
 Henry D. Harvey.

Albany, N.Y.
 Feb. 26, 1884.

Rev. William Jackson,
 Dear Friend:

When at Centre St. last I purchased the map of Ind-
 ian Reservation. Now I see by the Jan. 7th E. H. R. that you
 have a map of Alaska of Mrs. Willard girls at the McFarland
 home and of Miss Austin. I would very much like to have them
 to use. I therefore enclose some stamps to pay for them. We
 regretted that your time was so hurried and that we could
 talk so little upon the many subjects which presented them-
 selves. We trust you may sometime favor us again. I was pleas-
 ed to see and hear Mr. James at Rahway.

I hope that some of your gentlemen will be able to meet us at Amsterdam at the annual meeting next February. It does seem as if our annual meeting should be in Feb. or Oct. if the country were to have any of the gathering for their good men and women here, so it is in readiness for those who would be called to us from a distance. At our present time, it is a little difficult to go north or to the south.

I would like to have Mrs. Wilford's present address. I think the ladies of our church would like to write for Mrs. Wilford's school. If there is any information outside the magazine in relation to their school needs I would like to get hold of it. I hoped to have gotten the time to have asked Mrs. Wilford what there was printed besides our paper that I could get for our society.

Thank you writing so long a note I know your time is reckoned by the seconds not hours.

Wishing that God would raise up many more men, who are do what you are doing, and wishing that my name might be as useful, I am with greatest regard,

Yours,

Mrs. J. E. Pruit

Barrow, Alaska.

Feb. 10, 1904.

Dr. Jackson,
Dear Bro:

The mail came in last night, Jackson having been three days on the way. The sack 140 net. Jackson has asked me several times to get for him \$20 for the month of March, and for the year 1904 as it is he is to get \$200. He seems anxious to get the job for next year. I will send to him, for his as you suggest concerning the land.

I have a small building in by of nearly finished for boys in the spring. It will be used for a wash house and for cooking fish etc after the large building is ready for work. We have two boys with us who are helping on the building, one of them will make a pretty good carpenter.

You say you expect to be in Alaska in June, we will look for you on the June steamer. We expect her to call in June that month and will be overjoyed to see you on board. I hope it will be such a day as this for more than one reason. The weather could hardly be more perfect. The school has not been as well attended as it might have been. I hope to have more men and women work for the older people. I hope the time will come when compulsory education will be the law of Chukotat.

Concerning Mrs. Dickinson, when Mr. Hill was here I thought with him that perhaps it would be better to keep her as interpreter, seeing she has been so long in the mission

and also that she has been influenced with the Indians. Now I do not know where would be the best to keep or dismiss her; unlike her connection with the mission in England her chief interest is in the N.W. C. Co. I cannot talk free enough with the Indians to translate though I cannot prayer meeting always about half the time the Sunday services.

We are all in pretty good health. We all send our best wishes, our Christian love and the hope that we may see you soon.

Your brother in Christ,
Eugene C. Villard.

Brooklyn,
Feb. 19, 1884.

Dear Dr. Jackson:

You gave us some an interesting account of Alaska two weeks ago, that we have been anxious to do something to help on the same matter. For that purpose we have organized a society, and are anxious to know what we can do. Our resources are rather limited but we will do what we can. We have thought of sending a boy, and also of adopting a child. Will you let us know which would be most acceptable, and the expenses of either? Our next meeting is to be on the Thursday of next week, and we should like to offer your suggestions then.

Hoping I am not asking for too much of your time, I am
Very truly yours,

Eden. M. Simpson.

Laurel, N.Y.
March 5, 1884.

Rev. Charles Jackson, D.D.

Dear Brother:

I have been wishing we could have you deliver your sermon on Alaska in our place, and I have made an effort to secure you, I talked with Dr. E. Liggs of Rochester when he was for you, and for himself he was successful. I have addressed a note to the Board, and Dr. Kendall advised me to write to you about this time. I wish we could have you on a Sabbath, but as that may be impossible I write to ascertain whether you could be with us on the evening of April 18th at which time the Presbytery of Genesee will be in session here. I think we need someone to stir up our Presbytery on the subject of home missions.

Hoping to receive a favorable answer at an early date,
I am

Respectfully yours,
F. S. Walker.

1700 - 1800
March 4, 1884.

My dear Dr. Jackson:

Your very unexpected communication came to me yesterday morning. I forwarded it at once to Dr. Walker who is still at San Francisco. Since doing that I have been thinking over the matter seriously, trying to decide whether I would be willing to go by there if the way was opened for me or not. That my friends may think of your question I must tell. He may feel that God's providence is clearly indicating that my line of future path, but for our son's sake I have not. Edward's education must not be neglected now. He has already lost precious time in Colorado. If you wanted someone to fill such an office as Marshall for a few months say six months, I think Dr. Walker might be disposed to accept it if offered him and meaning some good men could be found to take it permanently. Of course you are anxious to put into office thoroughly good and earnest Christian men. I can see how our mission work can be aided or hindered by the character of the Government official there. Strangely enough Dr. Walker's business affairs are in most unsettled shape and our matter most embarrassed, so he may be led to consider the matter. I cannot tell. Personally I do not want to go unless as a missionary and that I could not do for various reasons. I feel it my duty to do missionary work where ever I find it about me to do, so know it would be mine there as well. I do not know what the officials you want look except vaguely. I know too little to take that part of the matter into consideration.

I will send this on to Washington but hope to see you at Centre at tomorrow. We might have a very pleasant little circle at Wika. Do you take your daughters and are you in the Government?

Yours most sincerely,
Francis S. Walker.

18 Pearl St., Boston, Mass.
March 4, 1884.

Dr. Elizabeth Jackson,
My dear Sir:

Your letter was duly received. I have been waiting to learn from Mrs. Daggett whether her meeting of the Indian society could be arranged, so you could take both in on the same trip. She has informed me that the above society will be glad to have you on Monday afternoon, March 31st and on

shall not, this is done on Sunday evening, March, 20th. It is understood that we shall pay your expenses from New York and return home. As well as myself shall be glad to have you stop with us while you are here.

Hoping to hear a favorable reply, I remain

Very truly your brother,
Alonso Herrera.

San Francisco, Livingston Co.,

March, 7, 1884.

Dear Sir:

I will never forget your address at Salinas. In regard to Alaska, the Board is anxious to hear of any member of Home Missionary published by of Alaska. Making the impression that there is one I see, if there is not one now it will help the cause to get a sketch map of our territories from the State.

Most truly and respectfully for the cause,
Rev. Dr. W. F. Williams.

Los Angeles, Cal.
March, 5, 1884.

Rev. William Jackson, D. D.,
11 Centre St., N.Y.

Dear Sir:

I have for sometime been thinking of publishing a Spanish religious weekly in this city. Such a paper is one of our most urgent and pressing needs. The Catholics that will gladly suggest themselves to me as well acquainted with the work as you are. We need a man of communication with the people at large, something that will reach the homes and educate the masses. But how to support such a paper is the great question. It goes without saying that I have no means of my own. But could not the Home and the Foreign Boards unite in helping this enterprise? They would both be interested in it for from this place we send quarters we could reach not only the Spanish speaking people of Southern California but those of New Mexico, Colorado, and Mexico. I have a great many friends among the missionaries in Mexico and I feel quite certain that I could get there a large subscription for the paper. In fact I suppose to know that they need a paper in the Northern Mexican especially. There is no paper that I know of published by our denomination in Mexico. Now with you for the work's sake please see what the Home and the Secretary Irving of the Foreign Board is well acquainted with me and Dr. Harris and Williams know of me. I think

that if the Board would buy the enterprise for a year the paper would at the end of that time become well established.

There is no work for which I feel better fitted and in which I feel more strongly called than that of editing and publishing a Spanish religious paper.

Hoping to hear from you at your convenience, I remain
Very Fraternally yours,
Chas. Spang.

Jackson, Alaska.

March, 8, 1894.

Dear Bro:

Our mail for Feb. was late because steamer did not get to Wrangell until the 25th, the mail was then held on at Island. The day is bright and springlike, the first of March last year we had a gale and snow storm, I started for Wrangell on, partly on foot.

Thanks for documents.

In the main things are working here as reasonably and with as little friction as we could reasonably expect. Too much enthusiasm with these people means fanaticism, the law of action and reaction finds in them strong demonstration. They are people of extremes, they read already now. We feel that because of them there are some things of great value, sometimes we feel as if the beginning of great things and then our hopes are disappointed. We say, again, we wish, He who made them, may only know.

Shelton has placed you sent him a paper. He says that his mail contract with some benefit than a "Widow" is likely to continue at any one employment. In April for sailing, we go and I will have trouble.

I have never heard if the order sticks reached their destination, Mr. Nelson sent them off to me, while I was at Wrangell. We are joined by news of the continued unsettled conditions of affairs at Wrangell as well as the deleterious iterative effect, not only complimentary to Alaska missions or missionaries. Can only trust to the way being order out of confusion will make these things even for this season. We will certainly have of Washington things and any trouble for this far off corner of "Alaska's South Sea", that if our people are off the coast, as school is small, scattered about in it. Yet we have always enough to prevent teaching by regular lessons and also of our church services. And we always are encouraged by the attendance of most of our men. People need to be looked after in the winter go with greater alacrity when the school room is a good fire is rough or cold weather.

April will find many on their way to Ketchikan where we hope to be with them for a time as at no place are we needed more.

Fraternally,
 F. Lewis Gould.

Jackson, Alaska.
 March, 6, 1904.

Mr. Jackson,
 Dear Brother:

I will not consider it at all to inform you as to Mr. C. who should never have been so, and you not asked me. As to Brother I presume his feelings in the matter were much the same as mine that coming here in that gentleman's place, we felt rather delicate about complaining of him. I thought my letter would cause you in time to prevent him from being remembered. Brother returned to us safely. It is truly very sad about the trials at Wrangell. I fear nothing will ever undo the mischief which those articles have done.

School will now, as the people repeat again at home this fine weather, which we are now having. I am very much pleased with the progress of the school. Much more interest shown this term than last. If all were naturally so bright and faithful in school as our little boys I have, I would not worry much for their future. I remain

Your sister in Christ,
 Clara Gould.

My S. Mary thanks for the book, we all enjoyed it very much.

110 Pearl St. N. Y.
 March, 7, 1904.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
 Dear Sir:

I wrote to you about a month ago (the 25 Centre st) saying I had sent Memorials as to Education in Alaska to Washington and had heard from Hon. D. C. Jones (our represent-
 ative) that the Senate had appropriated \$20000 for education-
 al purposes in Alaska and asked you if that met your approval
 as a sum? I have then no word from you. Do you want any
 more Memorials sent to Congress, if so please send us more
 blanks and let me know how the cause progresses. Is it a
 good time for my friend to start out there alone?

Yours,
 A. C. Hanson.

St. Petersburg, Russia,
March 1, 1894.

Rev. and Dear Brother,

We have just exchanged one of the bundles of your two letters of the 1st and 2nd of June, the one of the latter Petrill's Canada report is not sent to hand.

Included I send a letter to the Secretary of the Ives and will be much obliged to you if you will, in accordance with your offer, transmit it to him. He will then decide to receive a free passage if that is possible as an authorized emissary.

Two gentlemen have been found willing to undertake the preliminary exploratory tour. Rev. A. Hughes an experienced missionary now in Canada among the Indians in Western Canada eight years among the heathen natives of Australia, a man of practical sense of mind, whom we have well suited to undertake the journey. His companion will be Mr. Schindler, one of our theological graduates and has offered his services as a missionary in the foreign field and whom we will probably appoint as one of the men to undertake the mission next year if such an enterprise is begun.

I have, I think, told you, that this year we will be sending more than send out these two explorers. Our plan is to follow the route to the coast, crossing the country, reaching the coast about Alaska and a distance, long for the time place to begin to work here and then report to us what we will then lay before the Christian people of the U.S., are waiting to receive financial aid for the founding of a mission. Meanwhile we will correspond with our eastern Russian Board in Europe and ask the permission to begin a work in Alaska and at the same time, try to secure the services of a priest, say from Livonia, who can speak the Korymbian and English languages. Then if the Board agrees, we will begin a work right here.

I will be much obliged to you, if you will give us the route which the explorers ought to take. The cards you mention with the exception of Eskimo, are not to be found in your maps. Perhaps, will you be kind enough to send Mr. Barlow copies of the journals of Adams you mention. I have written them. His address is Krasnoyarsk 2nd P. O. Station, Siberia, Russia. As to the translation, we make with regard to the office of Signal Agent in case of no answer when we could at this time secure.

I remain very respectfully, Dear Sir, Yours,

Rev. Dr. Johnson

Yours faithfully,
Bishop of Russian Church.

42 William St., New York, N. Y.
March 4, 1944.

Mr. Dr. William Jackson,
New Orleans,
22 Centre St.,
New York City.

Last March I enclosed your charges for \$20 for 1000 envelopes, Alaska, from our missionary collection in our school, connected with Dr. Wall's church. I should enclose charges for similar subject via 100. Please send receipt, and request the missionary stationed there to write me, regarding the same, as such letters are very interesting to our mission. We have also taken an interest, through Dr. Wall, originally in Hawaiian in Japan. For this subject I enclose check for 100. Please acknowledge and request from there similar amount of that kind work.

Sincerely yours,
W. H. Jackson,
42 William St.,
New York City.

P.S. Send receipts for 100 and 200 separate and entire.

Fort Yukon, Alaska,
March 13, 1944.

Mr. William Jackson, N. Y.
Dear Brother:

I am going to write this letter now before my steamer leaves, as I want to have a talk with you now when I am not so much hurried.

One thing that I forgot to put in my last letter, that this should be published in the New Orleans paper, just as soon as possible, in that missionary school and hospital work as "my work" now at the rate of \$10 per ton, while if correct clothing is sent at \$14 per ton. You will see this makes quite a difference. For I want to talk a little about possible changes here this spring. Of course I do not know what the work is going to be, but I want to feel that it will not be pleasant for me to remain here much longer. It does not seem as if I could at least be associated with them, and would prefer to stay. I know there is such a disposition in the minds of some people to have control and management of all around them that perhaps they cannot help it. Now that I want to know is about going to Alaska. I want you to tell me what your plans are about now there. That it is you would want me to go and how it is to be arranged? Whether I am to be subordinate to anyone? What an salary would be? What I would be expected to do? I ask these questions now because I have another question offered me. I would prefer to remain in Alaska work for another. If matters can be satisfactorily arranged.

Now please write me fully about all these things. I never in my life have felt such an uncertainty about my future movements as at this time. You will understand of course that all the above is perfectly confidential. I do not want the Board to know at least for the present that I wrote this letter; but you will understand this.

Mr. Young is off now on a boat with his boys, left last Tuesday, expected to be gone 4 or 10 days. They are all living in the little house yet. Going to Father Morris' death there was no word came back from either and last reference to get him into the garret as long as he can help it. You said a part of the carriage business were to be sent. I wish you had stated what part. If both Rogers are to be here all the business will be needed and then we will be crowded. You suggest that I should having them brought here into the mission. (It would not do for Mr. Young to know I said that.) The report here now is that the Northwest Trading Co. have bought out Lear. I think it is probably true, but I do not know. Report also says that the Boston Catholics have sent back down last steamer to interview for a priest to be sent to Wrangell. I know he went down. What do you think of Mr. Young's idea of moving the mission from Wrangell? I think it is too late making the move, I do not believe the Indians would go, but very few of them at least and even that this big move will be making it will make them more unwilling. We are anxious for the mail to come to know what the Board says about this as well as about a good many other things. You do not know how trying this waiting has seemed to me lately. I trust I am willing to do almost what ever God should have me. Pray for me that I may have patience and grace for what ever God has in store for me.

Yours as ever,
A. N. McFarland.

Fort Wrangell, Alaska.
Feb. 18, 1884.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.
Dear Brother:

Last mail I did not hear from you at all, have felt surprised that you have written to me so little of late. You have somewhat mentioned the trouble here in what you have written. I certainly expected you to write last mail, but I had some letters of sympathy and condolence from several friends than from others. The cruel and unexpected blow from Mr. Heyford was almost more than I could bear. It sent me to bed for a week. It has grieved me so to feel that Christians cause must suffer from such base falsehoods. I know God is able to take care of His own work and of His own children, but there are always so many who are ready to believe any thing of this kind.

last. Steamer came in early yesterday morning. Went a noon
these ships you want and I think I never saw so many un-
truths jammed together as has grown out of this thing, and
I have been much pained at what seems to me and many of my
friends a spoiled effort on the part of those who have writ-
ten and published articles to smear Dr. McPh. and his wife.
Even Dr. Randall saying that he does not believe that Dr.
McPh. and his wife were wrong. I would like to know what he does be-
lieve. If he was not deranged he was something worse, what
was it? Your letter also censures me in a way that hurts me
very much. You say "The fact of disagreements which you all
acknowledge are of themselves working great harm." I have
never acknowledged there was anything of the kind, up to
Sept. 1901 (I think the date is right) there had never an
unpleasant word passed between Dr. McPh. and myself and
then it was entirely one sided: I had no quarrel whatever
with him. I ask you could tell me what I am charged with and
what occasion of evil I have given. This is the most I have
ever written on this subject, except to my personal friends,
and yet I am charged with misrepresenting the state of things
here and spreading it broadcast to the world. Then the Board
has acted so strangely in not taking any action in the matter
but keeping them here as though they fully approved of all
they had done. God only knows what I have been made to suffer
by it and I do not know how much more I can bear, sometimes
I have felt that I must give up, that it was impossible to
endure this pressure any longer. Oh I feel so grieved all the
time to think what great harm has been done to the cause of
Christ by this trouble. I feel that it is by far the most
disastrous construction to put upon the whole thing to say
these poor people were temporarily deranged. The Dr. stated
from the pulpit that this was the third time he had been
"filled with the Spirit" as he termed it and I could believe
that he knew what he was doing that Sabbath night and his
wife was not far behind him. I did not intend to write all
this. Please keep it to yourself.

You speak of the Board refusing to commission Mrs.
Young and you speak in the next sentence as if you thought
it would be done in the spring. Why is it desirable that it
should be done at all, when she is determined that her work
shall not be controlled by the Board? There are one or two
items I have been intending to write to you about, things I
think should be mentioned in the New Missionary. I would
like a request made that parties sending boxes should always
write to the missionary when the box is started and be sure
to enclose a list of the contents and put name of name in
the box so it can be known where it comes from. Often boxes
are received that have no mark of any kind about it and the
missionary not having received a list of contents it is im-
possible to know who it is from. Several letters have been
published telling what little girls have done, but to my mind

and greatest feat has been performed lately by a little boy 11 years old living in New York City. He has just received a quilt this little boy planned all himself. He worked in part every day for the mother and father and finished the quilt and sent it to me. He was sure that a quilt making 1st Pr. Young's Quilt Making gave this statement. He is by the mother's helper for his quilt. The quilt is a number of days in the making of different kinds.

Let us know how early in the spring you want to come and what your plans are to do. I feel very anxious to know what we are all going to do. Indeed my future never seemed as uncertain as at present. But we pray and will change our plans for us and help us to do the will of God over it very soon.

With love to Mrs. Jackson and the girls, I am,
 Faithfully yours,
 A. L. McFarland.

Port Richmond, New York,
 March 19, 1884.

Rev. William Jackson, D. D.
 Reverend Sir:

The people of our church (Calvary Presbyterian Church, West New Brighton, Staten Island) and the children of our Sabbath school numbering about 200 scholars are very much interested in the mission work in Alaska. Our mission-ary services will be held (the 7th) on the last Sabbath of the month (the 14th). If you are going to be in New York at that time could you find it convenient to be with us and give us an account of the work being done in Alaska. Our services commence at 7 P. M. and will be over by 4 P. M. I mention the hours so that in case you should wish to be elsewhere in the morning and evening it will afford us great pleasure to have you come on Saturday and remain over the Sabbath. I hope that you will find it convenient to come as the people of the church and the children are very anxious to hear you.

Very respectfully,

Erasmus Starling

Chairman Missionary Committee

112 4th St. N. W.
 Washington, D. C.
 March 19, 1884.

Dr. Seldon Jackson,
 Dear Sir:

The Women's Missionary Society of the 4th Presbyterian Church are very anxious of having an address

Floraline Agnew.
March, 20, 1884.

My dear Dr. Jackson:

Your kind letter of Feb. 20th and the volume upon Alaska reached me about the middle of the month. A heavy piece of work and but little strength is my excuse for a delay of answer.

Your news of the bill is most gratifying; God speed it through the House. That the needs will be filled there is no doubt, the delay is hard to endure. I am wondering what are your provisions for Government and education. Must the Indians of Alaska pass through the furnace of American life? I trust not. For then there is excuse for the blundering course we have heretofore pursued. Once we were ignorant, nearly blind; hastily inexperienced as time and we could do better than in the past. As I read the interesting book you so generously sent me, I could not but see the better chances of the people to reach the recognition of citizenship than is now likely for the Indians nearer home. If these Alaskan people are put under agents and regulated into communities as all agencies must presuppose then much of the seed sown will be lost. God grant that this evil may be averted. In the infinite mercy education and civilization were preceded the white greed, and it was the Alaskan who sold his ground in his villages which are situated with a prospect of the future and the white man is forced to share life with the native. The Alaska law is limited as to the extent with the white population while I have been to see the Omahas with in the range and extent of white life. In a day there was a day or two since from the Sept. assembling of Indians from Omaha could purchase land and become a citizen of said "Indians cannot become citizens by naturalization under existing general acts of Congress. These acts apply only to foreigners subject of another allegiance. It would require a special act of Congress or treaty to make them citizens". So the way stands hedged. The curious position of these Indians makes it difficult to open up occupations and broaden their ambition. Business contracts are guarded by laws which limit and the Indian stands shored in new ways by hands not of his own making. My attention is called to these things by my work here, but in the laws we lay there are chances for thrift and skill and land open to peculiar remunerative cultivation to use these the Indians must be free to enter white circles and share in the republic of trade. By his position as ward as a stranger who cannot become naturalized he is debarred from advantages and thrust back upon his own people and progress dies of inanition. The plan for Home schools in Alaska is set forth well. You need to give the people a chance to receive the education given them, to create a public opinion in favor of civilization. You need to keep the children away from influences which impair and debase, and you will need

after you secure as you will the hard schools the right of your people to become a part of the civilized community. Keep the agents and, therefore, if possible let the Indians of Alaska become lost in the inhabitants of the territory and still under the law together with their white fathers. The rich harvest of your work is surprising, seven years only so much accomplished and so fearlessly begun and carried on. God bless you and spare your life and health, yours is true wealth. For then ever I long to go and plead for these people more than ever I desire the touch of such a spirit as yours among these tribes. All are in God's hands and may He strengthen the bodies and souls of those who are willing to do and labor.

I rally again from my terrible illness and break down sometimes. I wish my day is winning and sometimes that it is still high noon. God bless it all.

Sincerely yours,
Alice C. Fletcher.

Wichita, Kansas.

March 20, 1884.

Dear Dr. Jackson:

Did not get a letter from you by this last mail, but I am so surprised. A man that has so many irons in the fire and so far apart must keep moving to keep them from burning. I think we ought to have civil government this session of Congress and you certainly deserves to get an appropriation for educational purposes.

Mr. Styles left me on the 1st of March. Mrs. L. and myself have the school which has averaged about this month 140 scholars. At present we collect as justice to them and the matter is under review by the Board. I have seen Mr. Styles and Jacks. I feel the Board has lost a good man in Mr. S. but under the circumstances I shall not advise him either way (To stay or go).

Mr. Hill writes me that he will start east, want to see you at New Orleans, and will bring about school books and maps to the school. I hope if you can do anything to carry up the letter we will do so. Size length 500 feet, width 40 feet, wire of mesh one inch and a quarter square, rope to draw is about at least one inch in diameter, small and large the same. I have written to Dr. Henshaw to have a plan for a way to have Mr. Styles place one end of the wire at the school and the other at the school and connect them with a wire and have the wire run through the dormitories and back out, and have the wire run through the wire winter almost and the boys will be away through the

summer. But it is time to ask before she works herself to death, I also asked for two teachers to be sent by the 1st of October, 1884, Mr. Brady says we ought to have six teachers. We cannot do ourselves justice or the children justice without present help and we are wearing ourselves out by trying to do impossibilities. Mr. Haley is still sick and it will not do to talk with before Mrs. H. I hope the Government will compell all Indian children of school age to attend and also prohibit polygamy among them. I wish someone would send us some large maps for the school room, say any of the world, North and South America and of the United States. Have written to raise a number of parties who support children the past month and we will try to finish the list, before the summer returns again. Do you know whether Mr. Merrill sent any letters? They never answer. I suppose they got them sent George and Daisy beautiful Christmas cards this mail and they were delighted with them.

Mrs. Austin thinks that if the Board could get a good man and his wife and one teacher it would be better for they could keep house and board the teacher which she could not do, as she cannot stay in the kitchen on account of her eyes.

With kindest regards from all our family and praying that the Lord may prosper you in all your plans for this people, I remain

Your brother in the Lord and

A. E. Austin, Missionary,

May 22, 1884.

Dr. Jackson,

Dear Bro:

The mail came in on Saturday (30th) as today is quiet we are anxious to get the mail run back. I will therefore write but expect as my time has been and is full, we have in fact but one day in which to answer your letters. I did not find yours this month but as all here are busy.

I have been building, carpentering, surveying, visiting Indians, missionarying and knocking about generally. Beattie has as heretofore assisted herse to the school. Mrs. W. has made a picture for Dr. Jackson, I think it is very good. It looks towards Mt. Jackson on one of our red summer evenings. She says it has "sunked" and waits to do it over, but as she has the housekeeping and children to attend to I have put a veto on her painting and sent her to go out doors when she can. The Indian children help her in the sweeping, making beds and washing dishes but she has to show them, tell them, and punish them constantly. However I think you will like it as it is, as I do, we will wait and see. We are all pretty well.

Kindest regards from the Chilkoot Missionaries.

Respectfully,

Eugene S. Willard

1204 Connecticut Ave.
Washington, D. C.
March, 28, 1894.

Mr. J. M. Tucker, D. C.

My dear Sir:

This will introduce you to Rev. Dr. Sheldon Jackson and his wishes in relation with you in regard to the bill giving a territorial government to Alaska. I am sure you will be interested in the subject and as there is nothing under the I have no hesitation in giving it my cordial endorsement.
Very truly yours,
T. L. Childers.

Washington, D.C.
March, 28, 1894.

Mr. Chas. F. Jones, Wash. D. C.

Dear Sir:

This will introduce you to Rev. Dr. Sheldon Jackson, D.D. a Christian gentleman of my acquaintance who is worthy of your confidence and esteem. I trust that you will give your careful consideration to any matter of national legislation which in my opinion is worthy of your attention.

Yours with high regard,
T. L. Childers,
Director of Bureau, Pres. Council, Washington.

Washington, D.C.
March, 28, 1894.

Dear Sir:

I send you this with a copy of "Young People's" which is recognized in this city as the organ of W. A. S. Society. This is a paper of high character and I will give you the address of the publisher as well as the names of your friends in Alaska and New Mexico. I regret you did not stay for the Indian meeting at the day meeting. You would have added to the interest and profit of the occasion. I was telling an old lady confined to her bed by sickness about your talks on Nazareth, and she insisted upon giving me \$15 for some missions, she is a large giver though not well off in the things of this world. She often gives me that amount or more for missions.

I enclose a letter of introduction to Mr. Chas. F. Jones of this city and Washington, D. C. He is an official man and I have no doubt will give you thoughtful attention to the matter you have in hand. This is his first term in Congress and he is not yet up to the tricks and tricks of the partisan politician. You may use the letter or not as you may

deed best. I will send him a letter calling his attention to the importance of the bill proposed and the possibility of speedy action and perhaps I will write one to Senator Rogers. I think influences are at work here to secure the favorable action of our representatives in the proposed legislation.

When Polk was in her glory, and what of the Indian matter.

Yours sincerely,
Rev. L. Nelson.

702 West 2nd.

Washington, D.C.
January 27, 1927.

Rev. Dr. S. Jackson,
1014 4th St., N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

Letter received, telegraphed to my secretary yesterday and Secretary yesterday it was made known to a member of our Board at Washington.

S. Schrieffer,
Bishop of Moravian Church.

Washington, D.C.
January 27, 1927.

My dear Sir:

I have just received a note from Dr. Paul Schrieffer, one from Mr. Charles B. Lane and representative from the I thought best to answer the note to you as I am sure could give him just what he needs to know. I am sure you wish to part with the land with the best of us. I cannot be sure one of them when our African Board is formed.

I thank you so much for sending me the information and such information; everyone was intensely interested and those who did not hear you speak, said "What a good man that was and what was 'On' it I had only heard of him." You know we are interested in three reports the first and last reports. I hope we shall have the pleasure of seeing you again in the future and if at any time you can stop over with us in the past we shall extend to you a warm welcome.

Yours truly,
A. B. Hall.

P. S. Dr. Lane was a member of the board of persons in charge of writing to our Government to request that the Government in Africa, I believe was done in 1925.

Boston, Mass.
March, 31, 1884.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

My dear Sir:

Your first letter will be put in type once and proof mailed you. I agree with you that it is wise to buy the Alaska article soon, Tacoma all right. As soon as I ascertain the exact route into the Yellowstone I will inform you. The three roads will issue circulars as you suggest. I send you one half dozen of the Chic. & W. Western in which some errors appear. Others letters I will answer tomorrow morning.

Very truly yours,

T. W. Bicknell.

Pres't National Educational Association.

Laurel, N.Y.
March, 31, 1884.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

Dear Brother:

I now write renewing my request for you to be with us on the evening of April 15th on the occasion of the meeting of the Presbytery of Genesee. I think your address will do much for the cause. That I think we are entitled to have you for the reason that no meeting was held within the bounds of our Presbytery last year, when the series of meetings was held.

Hoping for a favorable response, I am

Fraternally yours,

W. W. Tetheroh.

A G E N T S

No. 1408,
New York City,
Presbyterian Church.
The Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

No. 33 Centre st.
P. O. Box 1938.
New York, April, 1, 1884.

Dear Brother:

The Presbyterian church and Congregations of Sitka, in connection with and on the recommendation of the Presbytery of Alaska, having made application for aid in your support as their minister, and satisfactory evidence having been furnished of your being a regular standing in the Presbyterian church, the Board hereby appoints you a MISSIONARY to the above named church and congregation, for the term of twelve months from this date on a salary of fifteen hundred dollars (\$1500) and agrees to pay you the same, from its Treasury but what is paid by the people among whom you labor is to be

reported to the Board and estimated from the above account.
By order of the Board.

JOSEPH HALL,
Secretary.

H. Kimball,
&
Wm. C. Roberts. } Secretaries.

St. Albans, Vt.,
April 11, 1887.

My dear Brother:

Our Board has just been informed by the Secretary of the
Canadian Board that the Board of the American Board of
Christianity in the North Pacific is now in session in
St. Albans, Vt. and that they are holding a conference with
the Board of the American Board of Christianity in the North Pacific.
I have written a reply to the Secretary in answer to the communication and
will send it to you by the next mail. I have also written a
letter to the Secretary of the Canadian Board, and I will
write also and personally to our visiting friends of the
Canadian Board, and I will also write to the Secretary
of the American Board of Christianity in the North Pacific.

Very fraternally,
W. C. Roberts.

W. C. Roberts.

Rev. Dr. Jackson.

Bishop of Canadian Church.

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Delays are very tedious. But they seem to be the only way
of waiting on God. I hope all things will be done
to move forward in regard to the work in Alaska, and that
us, and that such may be accomplished for the glory and
many souls be won for Christ.

I am glad to know that Mrs. Willard's work is well. I
would like to have these little notices of the work to slip
into letters. I have had a great many of Mrs. Willard's
work and such good results I believe. I do hope Mr. and Mrs.
James will be able to go to Alaska with you. I am very
glad of news good to our Committee that Mrs. Haines, although
I am very glad Mrs. Haines is going for her own sake and for
the good it will do other missions. But we need Mrs. James
judgment in looking over the work, and our teachers and
missionaries. So many things are needed and it will
always be so until we are brought personally in contact with
our workers in different parts of the field.

Remember me to Mrs. Jackson. Rev. F. M. Parwick is with
us, they came to us four weeks ago, Mrs. D. very sick, she
was taken to the hospital as she had to have a very crit-
ical operation performed and is now doing very nicely. He
stays with us taking his meals here and sleeping here, spend-
ing much of the day with her. Their land has been at Santa

Rosa, Cal. since May 1897. Orphan, but he had to give up his
pastorate on account of ill health.

Yours in Christ,
Cornelia F. Han.

(Mrs. J. M. H.)

Washington, D. C.
April, 2, 1884.

Hon. J. M. Rogers,
House of Representatives.

Dear Sir:

As the Indian appropriation Bill is before the House, I
desire to ask your earnest support of lines 940 and 941 page
39 making a small provision of an industrial school for Ind-
ian children in Alaska, similar to those at Carlisle and
Hampton. Russia had a good training school at Sitka until
the transfer 17 years ago, which should have been continued
and improved by the United States but was not. Now there is
a growing interest in the industrial training among the more
thoughtful members of Congress, and the best citizens of the
country. It is a good time to recommence the work in Alaska.
Humanity calls for it, before the encroachments of the
increasing white people a new crop of costly, bloody and
cruel Indian wars. The public interests require that the
rising generation in that section, as well as others, should
be trained to good citizenship. The leading religious den-
ominations with the great National and State Educat-
ional Associations of the country are urging it. It places
the native children of Alaska upon the same level with those
in other sections for whom provision has already been made
by Congress.

The welfare of from 25000 to 30000 people is involved.
Truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson.

P. S. I think it very important that the appropriation for
Alaska Schools should be made.

West New Brighton,
Staten Island, N. Y.,
April, 8, 1884.

Rev. Dr. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Bro:

Mr. Sterling, chairman of missionary committee of Cal-
vary S. S. West Brighton, Staten Island has placed your note
to him in my hands with the request that I should write and
urge your visiting us. I would regard it an honor and privil-
ege to us to have you do so. It is almost more than

town) has made my visits to Washington few and far between. I have managed to get there often enough however to see that Alaska legislation should not lose opportunity of being forwarded, if occasion should present, though generally having not time to call on you, which I would do every time if possible. Mr. Evans was away three weeks from his only sister's sickness, but had great hopes of getting the bill up Tuesday (yesterday) from a change in the rules reported Saturday, allowing that day to territorial legislation. But a miserable amendment prohibiting legislation by the commission of territorial prevented. I was in head and hopeful, but suffered the usual disappointment. Would have called to try and see you that day, but got soaking wet coming down, and felt my rheumatism growing hourly, so had to make a straight shoot home.

If we ever have any pleasant spring weather, I will go down and have more time, indeed I hope to spend several days in Washington next week. I want to see what task Irvins now proposes. He is thoroughly in earnest I am sure, and will get the bill through in some way, but it may be sometime yet. Some of my friends have seen the bill lately and I think my prospects are good for what I want, but still I wish to crowd all the mail possible.

If you can help me to some garden seed as you once suggested, I would be much obliged. I enclose a list as such as I would like to have though if troublesome that way any would be acceptable. I have received a meagre package from a

friend and I understand they will not send me to the same address so if you send by mail make it to Mr. Corbin Ball, my son. I will call and see you next time D. V. surely. I did not notice I was on a half sheet till the last page was written so please excuse and believe me,

Most truly yours,
H. D. Ball.

25 Centre St., New York.
April, 11, 1884.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.
1025 9th St.

Washington, D. C.

My dear Dr. Jackson:

I have written Miss Daughlin, Rochester, N.Y. before receiving yours of the 9th inst. and had also written to Mrs. Wm. Ailing to get further information I hope today to write Miss Nichols in regard to the medical course. I think it well at our annual meeting in Saratoga to present at some business meeting held there, the schedule in as definite a form as possible, of work that might be done (D. V.) during the coming year and in aid of this, hope that plans as to Alaska Missions may be given in as good shape as it is possible.

I know that you will do all in your power to secure this.

Very truly yours,
F. E. R. Haines, Genl. Sec'y.

Mendota, Ill.
April, 14, 1884.

Rev. Shelton Jackson,
Dear Sir:

We have just now organized a children's mission band of workers, calling it "Golden Link Mission Band." Our present aim is to make up a Christmas box to send to some of the stations in Alaska. We were lead into this work by reading a book entitled "Among the Alaskans" written by Julia K. Wright a new book just came into our S. S. Library. We want some information on the subject. Please tell us one or two stations where we would better send our box. Shall we send it by freight or express? Do the officials ever pass mission boxes, such a distance free? What time would be the best to start it from here, in order to have it reach its destination in good time for the Christmas tree?

Any thing that will throw light on these points will be gratefully received.

Yours in Christ,
Miss Susie C. Taglia.
Rev.

Chicago, Ill.
April, 14, 1884.

Rev. Shelton Jackson, D. D.
Washington, D. C.

My dear brother:

You will I trust recall some pleasant memories of the fact on reception of this letter. I mail you some printed matter today that I trust will be of interest to you. I write these few words in hopes to open up correspondence again with you and see what you are doing in the way of an excursion to Alaska. Can't I help you? Please let me hear from you, I am dear brother

Yours truly,
T. E. Barry.
A.

Fort Wrangel, Alaska.
April, 18, 1884.

Dr. Jackson,

Dear Brother:

I asked Mr. Gould in presence of Mr. Hill to please see that the mail weighed before he left here, and went down just about as it was to leave and met Schoolcars coming from the office, on inquiry found it had not been attended to, and had it weighed by a white man at the warehouse, and the next time McFarlane said if Dr. Jackson wants the mail weighed he will have to send scales and he has Oakford's position (I can't call either of them Mr.) we have been expecting a Mr. French from Denew for Sitka, don't know who for here. McF. got very nervous and although I tried to explain about the mail yet he was very suspicious and tried to scare me by saying he could have me arrested for tampering with the mail. If anything had happened to it, he went a trip North not long since and got so drunk he had to be helped to and from the boat, he was turned the office over to Youngs this time. Hyman mail was behind time I believe the last two times about two days I think.

List of mail.

Nov. 21st	91 lbs.	Weighed.
Jan. 20th	20 "	Averaged by McF.
Feb. 21st	20 "	Weighed.
March	20 "	Averaged.

Much obliged for Alaska Bill, think it is very good also your lecture on Alaska which is full of interesting facts. You spoke last fall of the Board's intention to send me some medicine do you know whether they did or not? I would be glad if you would call upon a young friend of mine in Washington City in the reform school who was at Morgan & R. S. when I was there, and wrote me a letter this last mail saying he had been admitted to the Washington Bar, name T. D. Porter.

Things are moving on quietly. Mr. Young's brother came this steamer he and some boys went out to the Rochester farm today, after the return of the steamer they intend to take all their boys out to the farm. Mrs. Young and her mother will remain in Wrangel. Mr. Y. will go back and forth. The man who owned it sent a year or over and two cows this steamer will send more next, has intended to stock the farm, also some gear and farming implements. Young bought the farm for \$400 also cash and they intend to erect a school house out of lumber on the farm. Miss Macaboy will teach them in the forenoon and they will work in the afternoon. Mr. Young is talking of moving this mission to Wrangel Narrows about 20 miles from here he told us last night that aunt would much prefer my name. Aunt wrote me before I came to A. and asked what they would call me, she did she explain what she meant by it (says I call me Bro. Jones) she and Mr. Young had decided to call me Dr. and my wife opposed it all the time and

Mr. Young had her to write me to bring medicine from S. F. Now they want to take it off. I was agreed to go, they will get a saw mill and saw the lumber on the ground. When they came home Mr. Young tried to take the Dr. off my name but found after awhile it was not popular, then told the Indians one day in council that I was no Dr. and he had a box medicine and a book, and gave out the time of day one Sabbath when to come for medicine to his house. We know very little about Heonah but no hindering Providence we think we will try it. We want to close school first of June and take a run down to the British Mission, and if Presbytery meets in July we will move to Sitka, rent a room and remain there keeping house until time to go to our new home. The greatest objection we have to Heonah is no mail. We feel the need of a charge and rest this vacation. My wife puts in a great plea for an organ to be on hand when we go and thinks you the man to turn it up. I don't know whether Mr. Young wrote to the Board or not but when he came here seemed to lean toward the other side and wants to send us away. The Indians told him then if we were sent away they would all turn Roman Catholics and now they don't like to hear us speak of going, or being sent, and with all our opposing it they talk stronger than ever. They want to know as soon as we decide what we are going to do and if we decide to go they want to send for a priest, one chief sent me word today if I went away Mr. Young would not leave an Indian, they have lost all confidence in him just from the actions since he came here, they can't see the justice in sending us away and the tide has turned and one of the most prominent white men in town told me Indians that people were trying to send the best man away. They told Mr. Hill the same that they told Mr. Young. I tremble for the consequences. Capt. Carroll told Mr. Young coming up last winter this mission would never do any good until it was lighted out of this vile town and he is a Roman Catholic. Mr. Lear's clerk told me Mr. Lear had sold out his store and gave house to the Northwest Trading Co. and they are Roman Catholics. There are several Roman Catholics here and when Mr. Young's piece came out last March a year ago about the Roman Catholics they threatened then they would pay him back, it started not only Catholics here but all the whites. The Youngs' are not only for that but for other reasons very unpopular here.

Your brother in Christ,

John W. McFarland.

P. S. We haven't received any Home Mission papers this year. Mr. Young told us the other night it was doubtful as to Dr. Lindale coming this spring to A. He and Mr. Lee tried to be appointed to come on a trip as inspectors of Alaska Missions but Presbytery would not appoint them. Will you be kind enough to give us a good send off when our leaving here is published. We do not want it to appear that we have been sent

because we asked to be removed from Wrangel work. Our address via Sitka Juneau City is nearer to Heenah but as you would be at Sitka could manage to have our mail sent to us as we do not desire our mail to be handled through the Wrangel Office. We think it strange why that place of Mr. Brady's was not in the Home Mission after the Board's reputation. We would like very much to know where Mr. Brady got his facts. We would like the back numbers of the Home Mission.

Truly yours,

John W. McFarland.

Fort Wrangel, Alaska.

April, 12, 1894.

Dear Friend:

Yours and your good husband's letters were quite a comfort to us. The steamer came in about 10 Saturday evening much earlier than usual. As she was getting landed the chimney of the Home took fire and the alarm was given. The roof was covered with sparks and took fire near the chimney, buckets of water were soon taken up and we thought the panic was over, but fire broke out from the falling of the burning roof in Aunt's room and her stove had to be carried out into the yard, the girls were so frightened they ran over to our house in their night dresses. One girl jumped through a window and cut her hand dreadfully. I sewed and plastered it up, while my husband and some of Mr. Young's boys went in search of three girls who took their chances to run off, but they fortunately rescued them before they got away on the boat. It was long after midnight when we got things quiet. And when we had a chance to go for our mail the office was closed. The next morning at church we were introduced to Mr. James W. Young and children, boy about 14, girl 12 he is a farmer and hales from Kansas. The Youngs' are completely blocked here in their work, the death of Maj. Morris in Sitka prevented the order being served on Mr. Lear for the building. He is quite unfriendly to the Youngs' and would not permit us to exchange dwelling houses with them or remove the school from the log house to the church. They are so much chagrined about so many of them having to live in that little house, 11 in No I have pitied the poor old mother her room is so small she can't have any fire. Now they all go out to the farm except Mrs. Young and the old lady and will not go anywhere in a canoe, and will be a great care upon them. Mr. Young I presume will be away half of his time. Mr. Young told us the Board was wanted to take Mrs. V's home under their care as she was made it a success and this mail received more support, he says it is too late now, and never will come under. I think the upshot of it all will be that they will leave the town. We had been keeping dark about the Board asking us to go to Heenah, but Mr. Young came in yesterday and informed us we were appointed, and wished to know if we would go

and when, that he had to reply to the Board, we told him we had letters from the Board, and when we had laid the subject before the Lord we would reply to them. The reason he was anxious about the matter was that he had teachers he wished to recommend, one is Miss McAvoy, his cousin who is Mrs. Young's assistant I did not inquire who the other was.

I have said now to tell you this mail, good old Alice Hayes, the steady in the Home, got discouraged and packed up and left about Feb. 15th. In a few days she went to live with Col. Crittenden, when she the following Sabbath was read out in church. I thought Aunt would sink under it. Last Wed. Miss Rankin and her friend Mr. McFarland took the girls out in the canoe for fish eggs down below the grave yard (we were not invited to go along) in the course of the afternoon the wind blew up and the white caps were showing their heads, we were uneasy but said nothing to Aunt but when the evening shades came on she began to grow very nervous and Mr. Young was greatly alarmed and shortened the P. M. He was getting a canoe out and a crew of Indians to go in search when a few girls came walking in and then Miss Rankin with the wall that they had walked miles and miles. The cause was 7 girls had run off and they had been delayed searching for them until the tide was out so far and the head wind so strong they concluded to come on foot and leave the 7 girls to their fate Aunt was almost frantic before and you may imagine what news this would be. Mr. Young started at once, had not gone but a few miles when he met Mrs. Young's canoe coming with them, they passed the Home canoe on the hunt for fish eggs in the afternoon prepared to camp about 10 miles below the graveyard, they had just gathered around their camp fires struck their tents when the run aways put in, Mrs. Young tied four of them to a tree, when three more came out of the bushes, as she had no more rope she concluded to break camp and bring them all home. They as yet had no fish eggs and it being the first camping trip for their cruise and Miss Chism all very very indignant. The party arrived home about 11 o'clock. One of the girls gave Mrs. Young impudence and she slapped her in the face three times, telling her she would let her know she was not Mrs. McFarland to take it from her. Next morning Mr. Young came down determined to whip them, but he would leave it to Mrs. McFarland, she said to lock them up this time then if they ran off he could whip them next time. They will be in one week locked up in the little room at the head of the stairs.

But dear me what a gossip letter I have written but Dr. J. says he wants to know the under current of things here. Last item another of Mrs. Young's boys went hunting with the chief Shakes and wife, he was guilty of adultery with her and was discovered by Shakes and came in from a hunt sooner than expected. This is the second occurrence of the kind on her part and Shakes determines now to put her away. I think

Mr. Young will have the young man marry her if he will.

We will be glad to welcome your brother. We have been having lovely weather. Between husband's letter and mine you will get all the news. Yes a much pleasanter state of affairs exists now between aunt and ourselves, we have forgiven her, and our animosity is clear. We go there but she will not forgive Dr. till he acknowledges in church that he has wronged and injured her, and says she will never come into our house till he does. The Lord has not directed him to do so yet. There has been over half a dozen scares in that old home and I would not be much surprised to hear of its burning down. I am glad you will have Daisy soon for vacation. I think rather favorably of our taking charge of Moonah Mission, the greatest objection is having to take all supplies by canoe, it is a very expensive way. Your husband says we need not fear for anything so I trust he will try to have a monthly mail for us. I do not think I could work contently without our letters or an organ to while the lonely hours away. Mr. Chapman told me that there were no appliances there for teaching except the few old books we gave him. I would like slated by the hundred not to say anything of pencils and crayon, a mineral frame of two, cramps and objects for teaching words and English names. I mention these things for Dr. J. has the knack of getting more donations than any one else. Then if some society would send us some quilt patches, needles, thimbles, you I believed asked me if I had ever received any quilt patches from you by mail, I did not they might have gone to Aunt. I don't get anything scarcely since my name has changed to McFarland. When we get in our own mission I expect to have some individuals and write for your husband's paper sometime. Why do you not say we may expect you on the June steamer?

With love,

Maggie D. McFarland.

P. S. My husband will send his letter to Washington City where Dr. told him to address him.

Sitka, Alaska.

April, 18, 1884.

Dear Dr. Jackson:

Your letter dated March 14th and 27th are received, containing \$250. Have carefully read the contents and will do the best I can about the matter mentioned and will report in my next. Mr. Halsey has been sick all winter and is just able to walk around now. Mrs. Austin has been miserable the past month but hope she will improve now that the summer is near. Have not been well since I wrote you last month, but I am sure I shall improve now when I get to work with the boys in the garden etc. Have been holding meetings every evening

with the Home children and there is great religious interest manifested by them, over twenty of the older boys and girls have come into our room at night to talk with us on the subject of religion and say they want to be christians. Edolph, Archie, John and Peter Church among the boys and Daisy Jackson, Minnie, Jennie, and Florence the oldest girls in the Home. I asked Peter Church to test him. "Suppose the old Indians would say they would kill you if you gave up your old ways and became a christian?" he answered "I think I would be like Daniel" I asked them what they prayed for? They answered that "Jesus would wash away their sins and give them the Holy Spirit" They are praying very earnestly for their friends in the ranch and when they visit them they talk with them on the subject of religion and plead with them to give up their sinful customs. Some of the children say that their friends believe in God and that they pray. Truly the Lord is with us and we will praise His Holy name. I have felt for a long time that the Holy Spirit was striving with these children and with some of the old Indians. Where ever you go ask the children of God to pray for us. My son Lounie thinks he is a christian so we are rejoicing in God's rich mercy to us as a family. I wrote to Dr. Kendall last month telling him we should need a teacher, also an assistant matron and a man to take Mr. Styles place. We can get along this summer, but we want to have them by next October. If we could get a good christian man and his wife, his wife for assistant matron and he to take charge of the boys and help them at their work in summer it would be better than to have single or unmarried people. Confidential, don't send us many people of these constitutions of sympathy. I fear we shall not get our net in time this season. Did Bro. Hill get our seats and books in Chicago as he expected? I ordered some garden seed from Portland, fearing I might not get them from the east. We have sixty-one children in the Home, two of them from Hoonah.

We all send much love to you and yours. In haste,

Your brother,

A. E. Austin.

Fort Wrangel, Alaska.
April, 16, 1884.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

Dear Brother:

Yours of March 14th was received the 18th. I was very glad to hear from you again. We did not know what it meant for no person to hear from you last mail. I feel that we are all in an unsettled state. I wrote you last mail asking a number of questions, now I am going to ask you some more. Of course if you come up in June you will answer them by word of mouth, but there may be something occur to prevent you

and then you can answer by letter. I want to know if it will be the plan of the Board for me to go to Sitka as you have written about. I cannot bear to think of it yet, you know the work at Wrangell was my first love in Alaska and it would cost me a severe pang to leave it, but there has been an influence of work here for the past seven or eight months that has been very hard for me to bear. Perhaps God has permitted it to make me willing to agree to a change if it is His will for me to leave here. I do not wish to write what I refer to but will explain it when you come. I cannot understand why the Board want to commission Mrs. Young. If she is commissioned will her work not have to come under the control of the Board? I do not believe she will agree to it. One of Mr. Young's brothers came on this steamer. They have bought the Rosita farm. Everybody is well here and matters are moving along quietly. Many of the Indians are away from home. You have not said whether you intend to bring Mrs. Jackson with you, but I suppose we will all go. I hear Dr. Lindley and Mr. Lee are coming up, I do not know what month. It would be kind of funny if you would be on the same boat, but not very pleasant. But I must stop writing.

Much love to your family.

Very sincerely,
A. R. McFarland.

Boston, Mass.
April, 16, 1884.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
My dear Doctor:

I shall be home April 21st and will then talk to you to your heart's content. I am glad to know that you are booming the Alaska excursion. You are a man after my own heart.

Very truly yours,
T. W. Higginell.

Pres't Nat'l Educational Association

Decatur, Ill.
April, 16, 1884.

Sheldon Jackson, Esq.
New York.

Dear Sir:

The Presbyterian Sabbath School here desires to take hold of some mission point or assist some worthy person in preparing to herald the glad tidings of peace and we write you, among others for information. We desire to take hold of something that we can follow out and see the fruit of our labor.

Respectfully,
A. E. Hill, Co. of Chgo.

Sitha, Alaska.

April, 17, 1884.

Dear Dr. Jackson:

Yours of March 14th at hand. Spoke to Haley about selling but he made no reply. If he comes to favorable we shall buy and draw upon you. He may sell as he needs the money. Will hold baskets and curies till you come. I shall call Presbytery to meet here in July but can not get off the letters till next mail as the steam remains but short while and I'm extremely busy. I pray you to do all in your power to keep M. D. Hall from getting back here under an appointment. We have had enough of his sort. The last left here for San F. by way of Kodiak, we may establish some connection there, it may be a good point for a mission in Cooks Inlet. The remains but a short time while I have not time to write you fully.

Yours,
J. G. Brady.

Fort Wrangal, Alaska.

April, 18, 1884.

Dear Sir:

I wrote three times to Mr. Willard for my money which the Board had sent, but I never got an answer. I thought I would just write you and see if you could do anything for it, the Board had sent half expense of the house and I want to get the other half from the Board, if they don't sent it I am going to sell the house for \$1200.

Must close, in great haste

Your brother in Christ,
Louis Paul.

Orange, N.Y.

April, 18, 1884.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Sir:

The girls of my Sunday School class feeling a great interest in the work among the people of Alaska would like to have this money which they have collected used for that purpose.

Yours respectfully,
Martha Herrick.

Santa Fe, N.M.

April, 18, 1884.

Santa Fe New Mexico.

April 18, 1884.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.
23 Centre st., New York.

Dear Sir:

Knowing your intense interest in this section of country I write to inform you of a new danger that is threatening us. You know how completely the Roman Catholics are in power here and how extensively they appropriate public funds for their own advancement, public schools here are only Roman Catholic schools at the expense of the Ter. and the outraged non Catholic tax payers. Our recent (Catholic) legislature so far responded to the general cry of the school reform as to provide each county with a superintendent of Public Instruction but they fill the office and in this county appointed the President of the Brothers College as Supt. of Public Instruction in this Co. And now they are canvassing for some Catholic to take the position as Sec. of the Ter. Our present Sec. Hon. W. C. Bush has had the office three terms and is a candidate for the fourth term. He is one of our most enthusiastic friends has secured for the Academy a number of pupils and is a most intense hater of Roman Catholics, and we trust he will be appointed. Should you be acquainted with Sec. Teller, I thought if you aware of the possibilities here you would be glad to use your influence against the Catholics. The religious papers I have received from you at various times I have generally distributed among the poor, sick at the Catholic hospital, hoping they might do most good there, and observed that they were eagerly devoured by the readers with many thanks, I remain

Very respectfully and obediently yours,
J. S. Newman.

25 Pearl st, Charlestown, Mass
April, 19, 1884.

Dr. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Brother:

Yours of the 10th is just received this noon.

Enclosed please find check for \$25 payable to your order. Please acknowledge receipt of it. May your trip to Alaska be successful in the highest degree.

Very sincerely yours,
Alonso Meserve.

Haines,
April, 19, 1884.

Dr. Jackson,
Dear Bro:

The mail came last night, April 10th and tonight.

I have sent duplicate records of arrivals and departures of the mails for nearly every month and for the month of October I have sent three copies. Should I get another call for that month I will register the report to the Department at Washington. Enclosed is a copy of the report for the month of October, 1885.

Have received the checks \$150. Am glad to learn that there is to be a teacher at Junction, I have been wishing for sometime to hear such news. Concerning the book as far as we have looked it over, we have been pleased to note how free it is from errors there are many things that if written in the light of today would have been different but they were not. There is one thing only that I will speak of at present, as it bears on a subject that I must speak of. Last night in glancing over some of the letters I saw Mrs. W. was in speaking of the Home, "of which Miss Keweenaw will be the worthy matron" She is a good teacher but I see as she has also herself said she is not competent to manage the Home. When Miss Rankin was up here she said that if Mrs. McFarland left Wrangell as she was then talking of doing she (Miss Rankin) wanted me to use my influence to have her stationed at Chilcat as assistant of the Home, I simply answered that Mrs. McFarland would not leave there. After her departure from here Beaulieu said she was going to write to you about her. I said she had better wait but she thought not, as you know. I hope you will take no action whatever until after visiting us. What we do really need is a man and his wife. I have written to the Board concerning the matter.

Concerning Mrs. Dickinson, I will write to the Board to have her commission discontinued, she is doing more harm than good by it. I can get along first rate now with the talking, while Mr. Dickinson was working for the mission she was interested, her interest is now in the N.W. T. Co. and is trying in every way to hinder us. Mr. Dickinson said that she had a small bill of expenses to give to you when she saw you. I cannot imagine what it could possibly be. There has been nothing since I came from Sitka that ought to be paid but if it is for the children that she has had with her then it absolutely should not be paid. She has done bad work in that line and pay for it will only do damage to the cause in Chilcat. May be Dr. you will think me hard on her, a native and so to speak a child in the faith, but after believing Dr. Carlies for a while I and we all have found out by experience that both Mr. Young and Mr. Brady were right. I don't know what Mr. Hill may have told her he might have made a blunder there as well as he did in several other things, as she is very smart and full of Indian tricks she may have pulled the wool over his eyes, but enough, I know you will weigh matters before dealing with them.

I have laid out the land according to your directions

and have had a little squit with Mr. Dickinson he has copied my notice and intends Mr. Spaul to take on the squit and make a fire. I should think Mr. Spaul or the N. W. T. Co. would be out by this time, I have had to say ten times as much this year as I did the first year, as I can talk to the people now. I find the N.W. T. Co. are opposed to the civilizing of the Indians beyond a certain point, just as the old Hudson's Bay Co. used to be.

Love to all. We are well and have more work that ought to be done than we men could do. Mrs. W. has been tending a gang of Indians at the Home ground.

Your brother in Christ,

Wesley S. Willard.

Phila. Pa.
1912 Mt. Vernon St.
April, 25, 1884.

Rev. S. Jackson, D. D.

Dear Brother:

You see by the above address that I am again at home with my wife and child. This is a privilege that I have long looked forward to with a great deal of pleasure.

At Portland Mr. Wadham kindly entertained us at his house. I was very much pleased with Mr. Lee.

I would very much enjoy seeing you. Are you in New York or Washington? I hear you were in Phila. a short time ago, do you expect to be here soon again? When do you expect to start for Alaska?

Mrs. Corlies joins me in love to Mrs. Jackson and yourself.

Yours fraternally,

W. H. R. Corlies.

North Y., N. H.
April, 25, 1884.

Rev. Dr. Jackson,
New York.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt today of sheets Pres. Cyclopedic containing valuable information relating to W. M. kindly sent by you and for which please accept my thanks.

Very truly,

W. G. Nitch.

P. S. My term as Secretary will expire about the first of July, strong petition has been forwarded from W. M. for a re-nomination, of course it is from the progressive side. Letters are being forwarded from other sections of the country.

Would be happy if you can to lend a helping hand.
W. C. R.

Juneau, Alaska.
April, 24, 1904.

Dear Sir and Bro:

Gen. of March, 1904 duly received. Also notice of failure to make monthly reports of arrivals and departures. I have replied to the Department that the reports were made and the Wrangell Office could evidence the performance of the service. I do not know why the reports and the requisitions for office supplies have failed to reach their destination, the latter had cost us no little inconvenience besides compelling us to buy of the old store at Wrangell, using often what would be, beside the other disadvantages. After while, be right if our office is continued.

The favor of \$30 check were received many thanks for the remittance and the shape. We are encouraged by being reminded of your petitions for us for help and often needed by us.

I am just up from Kiguna where I have erected a "Summer Residence" at that are a summer resort and fashionable watering place. I think is the fullest season yet, respect to take family look and on the best we can. Many tribes, I s-lands and towns are already represented there. The catch of seal so far is not promising but the social and festive is full with other prospects less encouraging, we hope to do good work there. Many thanks for frequent packages of literature, though we have not always time to read. Several have been 8 or 10 will be large at Kiguna, we have not had less than 30 at our church services. Last Sabbath I was at K.

I am disappointed about the blank certificates I asked for. Mr. Y. said nothing about them and now I need them if ever and they, the natives, would attach so much more importance to anything that is printed. However we can do without.

April steamer anxiously looked for by trading men's family and our own did not come so we will wait for, coffee, sugar, butter and quite a number of things until May. Think we will not starve and will procure food from civilization all the while.

I have been doing a little as I could in the way of clearing a spot for the mission buildings, if we ever have any, it is a task to remove the immense growth of timber from some of it I have made fire wood some burned on the ground, some given to the Indians, the more work we get done the better we are pleased with the prospects and when cleared and leveled, if we can get some Indian houses away we will have a decent place on which to build.

We are all in excellent health and while every month

With the clouds and clear points there is sure to come
 some clearing soon. I and several others are full of hope.

We have had 20 days of fair weather, but weather today
 indications are for rain. We are preparing in a small way in
 gardening.

All mine is in the hands of Dr. J. May our Father
 whose name is in the north.

Respectfully,
 F. Lewis Gould.

New York,
 April, 22, 1884.

My dear Sir:

Anticipating the pleasure of your coming with us in
 our church the first Sabbath evening, and having entered into
 an engagement to provide you transportation to Roseville
 (assuming you will spend the night there) I write to accept-
 it where will that be? I shall wait for you to suit your
 convenience awaiting your first reply.

Yours very truly,
 C. A. S.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

Washington, D. C.
 April, 22, 1884.

Dr. Jackson,

My dear Friend:

Several inquiries have been made for you the past
 few days. Mr. Frank Smith from the church of Hyattsville
 wanted you to speak for them the first Sabbath in May, also
 Rev. Holley's brother was here last evening, he wants you if
 in the city to speak before the Junior F. M. S. which meets
 the first Sabbath afternoon of May. I thought best to let
 you know, you can possibly give an answer one way or the other.
 The "Herald" is growing, yet there is a great deal
 more to do at it. Matt wants to know when his "Mr. Dr. Jack-
 son" is coming to eat dinner with him" we all miss you.

How you are well. Love to Mrs. Jackson and Basile. Your
 will has been very much and my printed matter, except a
 few Sabbath S. papers which I did not think necessary to
 send.

Yours truly,
 F. A. Rogers.

New York,
April 17, 1884.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Our friends have arranged meeting of the Ladies
Minn. Society in an church on Friday morning May 24th 9-
and the same day 10-11 for a meeting of the 1st congregation of
world society. The meeting was well. We have a small society
and a small congregation. We are accustomed to pay \$10 for
this address. You will be welcomed at our home Saturday morn-
ing at any time you like it convenient. Mr. Stewart and Mrs.
Payson and Mrs. W. will take pleasure in seeing you and plan
entertainment of the passage of the 24th. If
necessary we will be happy to the city after the A. B.
service (I am often assisted by services and Christian A. B.)

As I am sure you will greatly value.

Yours faithfully,

Rev. E. Payson.

Station 11.

New York City.

(Ladies' Edition)

New York, New York.
April 20, 1884.

Rev. General Jackson, D. D.

My dear Brother:

Will you please send me a copy of the 1st volume of the
evening last. I can take the same to the 1st volume of the 1st volume.

Please send me a letter to the 1st volume.

Sincerely yours,

Charles E. Jones.

St. Petersburg, Wash.
April 20, 1884.

Captain L. G. Shepard,

Acting Chief Revenue Marine Division.

Treasury Department,

Washington, D. C.

Capital Harbor's office will be in session at 11th.

For the purpose of Interior Department it is necessary
to go to 11th.

My supplies, with a list of instructions for Alaska Alaska are
awaiting at 11th street of 11th.

It necessary leave out all places to westward except
Siberia and Cooks Inlet. Please telegraph Captain. Ready to call
at 11th.

Sincerely yours,

U. S. General Agt. of Education in Alaska.

Washington, D. C.
May 1, 1904.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Montclair, New Jersey.
My dear Sir:

The Senate Committee reported the bill yesterday, amended the House action relating to Alaska, by changing from fifteen to ten thousand dollars. Certainly not as we had hoped to have it stand but it may be changed by the action of the Senate or Conference Com. The general appropriation of the bill is very well and we may be able to "siddle through" the year.

You might do good.
Very truly your friend,
F. H. Murphy.

Washington, D. C.
May 1, 1904.

Dear Dr. Jackson:

Mr. Tuller has just been to the office and told me you would return. Can you say on a line by the next mail and tell me when it would be convenient for you to make the proposed address at Metropolitan Meth. Church? They are anxious to have you come if possible.

Very truly yours,
Winthrop F. Chandler.

Chicago, Ill.
May 1, 1904.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.
Montclair, N. J.

My dear Brother:

I am in receipt of some of "our official Bulletin" for your use. I would like to send them to you on your Alaska trip. The Bulletin together with your circular letters already out and your newspaper articles will give the entire full picture, it seems to me.

Now as you wish to come on Westward (as I understood you) I suggest that I put up a most little "General" of Sheldon Jackson, Alaska Party, giving time table and general account of the party from Madison, Wis., July 1st on to Alaska, let the price of the ticket remain as you have announced \$208.45 but let it include the return from living also to Harborside Hot Springs Hotel and return.

I trust that your party will be the same as last year. In attendance upon the meeting at Madison and so far all is understood by them. You and I will handle them from

that time on, as I suggest that when you start westward leave all your Alaska excursion well sent to this office and we will answer it, placing before the party the "Itinerary" and such facts as they may need. If this seems well approved please telegraph us on receipt of this. As for the company's affairs and that of Mr. J. I. Stewart, Mr. P. the B. M. A. believes in you and wants to meet you in form. Please call here on your outward bound trip and get a letter and plan along a day in St. Paul and call on Mr. Lee and will call on G. K.

I have secured a special steamer one of the best, and at work on Itinerary.

Harry.

Chicago, Ill.
May 9, 1898.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.
New York City.

Rev. and Dear Brother:

Referring to your question in your letter of the 5th inst. please allow me to answer your party of 25 or more. This line will make you the following rates. St. Paul to Portland, Oregon and return \$100.00 Portland to Alaska and return \$200.00, which will include carrying your baggage on the steamer during the entire trip from Portland which will require about 24 days. The company will provide for your party a special steamer, one of the best on the Pacific Coast, and will have the same in readiness for you on your arrival at Portland if we can both give notice of travel in person and date of arrival in Portland. If I understand you, your party will leave St. Paul Saturday, July 10th, at 8.00 P. M. and supper is about our price .75

I will arrange to have your train put into the side track at Moorhead, Minn. on its arrival Saturday morning, July 10th. Your party can occupy the Pullman Palace cars as they wish during the day. Breakfast, dinner and supper at the Grand Pacific Hotel in Moorhead will be furnished your party at \$1.75 per head. The same rates to Pullman Palace car from St. Paul to Portland including the lay over on the Sabbath at Moorhead will be \$35.00 One of the company's elegant dining cars will be specially fitted up and attached to the train for the special use of your party in which meals will be served at .75 per meal. Your party will doubtless return from Alaska about Aug. 25th and proceed homeward. We make you a rate of \$2.75 from Livingston to Marquette Hot Springs Hotel - Yellowstone National Park - and return.

Please advise me if these rates are acceptable and keep me fully posted in regard to the probable number in the party.

I am, dear sir,
Yours respectfully,
J. R. Perry.
Gen. Tourist Agent.

Lewistown, Pa.
May, 12, 1884.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

Dear Brother:-

In the hope that this will reach you before your departure for the northwest, I write to ask a favor of you. I have been asked to prepare a paper on Alaska and Christian Missions there for one of the new England Theological Reviews, and also wish to "write up" the subject in other journals. In order to do this I of course want the fullest and most accurate information possible. Will you then be kind enough to send me such reports, journals, or as may be in existence on the subject or refer me to where I can get them? If you will do this favor it will I hope not be without good for the cause of Alaska's evangelization and civilization, and will greatly oblige

Yours very sincerely,
J. Max Hark.

Fort Wrangel, Alaska.
May, 12, 1884.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.

Dear Brother:

Yours of April 11th is received. I thank you very much for your letter. It gives me an insight into many things. I know you have worked very hard to accomplish the much desired end for Alaska. If you secure the \$12000 this spring it will be a great deal accomplished, certainly that will do much more for this part of Alaska than the \$25000 asked for in the bill for Government. I sincerely hope you will secure it. But oh dear I do not know what to think about the Wrangel Home being moved to Sitka. You speak of it as "the school" now should this change take place would the Board still have a school here? Certainly they would not leave these Sitkas without a school and I would very much fear the result of trying to move the Home. I feel very sure a good many would not go, could perhaps only take those that we have from other places, about the buildings if the change should be made, we not let the Home department remain where it is, Mr. and Mrs. Austin had the oversight of that building when it was put up and no doubt had it arranged as they wished (which would not be my plan by any means) If I should go why could I not

is to the new building that would be put up after I go there? I like the plan of having the kitchen dining room and laundry separate from the other buildings. Now as to the salary I think that if Government aid is secured I am entitled to a little advance if salary is consideration of having been so long in the work having borne the burden and the heat of the day and having all my furniture and everything burned which was a great loss to me this could be done without it being known to everybody and I think I am entitled to it. Now as to Miss Rankin she wants to be appointed instead of Chilcote and Miss Mathews wants her, so I think she can better go. This is strictly confidential. She has not said anything to me about it, but she asked Mr. Young to write to the Board asking them to transfer her to that place. She and I get along nicely and is an excellent person but I think she would be happier and do better in a different position. In the first place she does not like her work here and you know a person does not often succeed when they are engaged in a work they do not like, they do it without having any heart in it. Is this not true?

I think I wrote you last mail that Mrs. Young had bought the Rosita Farm and moved most of her boys and her helpers out there, until they can get in the Garrison. She has had cows, pigs, and chickens brought up from Portland. She seems to have plenty of money for everything. Mr. Young's brother seems like a good honest farmer, he is a widower, brought two children with him. By the way I heard Mr. Young say he was going to try to get the carrying of the mail to Jackson for this winter, but as yet it is away from Mr. Condit. It seems a pity they cannot run everything in this country. Mrs. Young is a splendid woman to look after the cooking department, Miss McAvoy her other helper (a full sister of Mr. Young's) is a very nice young lady and I think a great deal of, but the work is too hard for her. I think she will break down before long. Now I think it is quite possible there will be a middle at Fort Wrangel for sometime to come. I will be glad when this thing is settled and we will know what is going to be done. I have some things that I want to do, but feel that I would rather not go from here until matters are settled. I want to make a visit to Jackson and I want to go below, I am sorry now that I did not go last steamer. I will be glad too when it can be talked about among the missionaries. One thing I want to ask is what will be done about the scholarships if these girls are out in a Government school? If I thought you would come out next month I would not send this letter, for you will not get it before leaving. You inquire about Mr. Ish, yes he is a christian carpenter, he is a diffident young man, but I think would take part in meetings when it would be necessary. I have heard him lead in prayer at prayer meeting. I should think he would do very well to appoint to teach the boys carpentering.

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at Sitka. He I believe thoroughly understands his trade, and is a good workman. I think that he would have a good influence over the boys. Do not ask Mr. Young his opinion about it. He does not like him and would no doubt prejudice you against him. I think it is likely he would like to get work at Sitka this summer. Mr. Duntaway told me yesterday that he (Mr. Lee) was at Seattle now. Where do you expect to live at Sitka? I presume there will be a house put up for the Superintendent. Mr. Young says he does not think Dr. Lindley is coming next month.

Yours sincerely,
A. B. McFarland.

Fort Presidio, Alaska.
May, 15, 1894.

Dr. Jackson,

Dear Sir:

We are still at Fort Presidio. Mr. French, Col. for Sitka came this morning. Mr. Lee learned the building here to him on Saturday the 11th of May. Mr. Wilson formerly Col. for Juntura is to be the C. I. Lee is on a trip to San Francisco and is up next steamer. June. Mr. French advised Mr. Young to wait until Mr. Wilson came to see what buildings he wanted first before they would occupy any of them. We have changed our plans in reference to moving to Sitka for the summer. We expect soon to be ordered from Presidio to make a trip to the British Mission unless we are ordered to Hoonah sooner. Our commission not come yet. We have been carrying Mr. and Mrs. Young's work for ten months in addition to our own and in addition to ourselves we need change and rest before entering upon our new field. We asked Mr. Young if Dr. Lindley was coming and when? I had a short letter from him but he did not say when he was coming. Mr. Lee of Portland was expected to accompany the Dr. is married and does not expect to come. I think Mr. Young does not know anything about the Presidio. Mr. French's brother is a strong man and seems to be a good man.

We have a beautiful spring but have had two or three days rain since the 1st of May.

With kind regards to yourself and Mrs. Jackson,

Yours truly yours,
John W. McFarland.

Fort Presidio, Alaska.
May, 15, 1894.

Dear Dr. Jackson:-

The steamer came in at 12 M. today. Your letter received and as I hope to see you on the next, I will write out a word this time. Mr. Brady received your letter by last steamer and as he spoke to Mr. Haley about the land, I have been waiting for him and have said nothing myself fearing he might think we were too anxious. Think there will be no difficulty about obtaining the next (adjutined) lot at least. We have had a very precious revival this past month and over thirty of our Home boys and girls have become christians (all the dear ones) besides several Indians from the ranch. Bro. Lurnie is among the converts. I trust all my children are in the good shepherd's fold. It is the Lord's work and we praise His Holy name. We have prayer meetings lasting nearly two hours every moment of the time occupied by the children, their thanksgiving to God for sending them a missionary and the Bible to be a lamp unto their feet and a light unto their path and their prayers for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon their friends, that they may give up their old customs and superstitions and come to Jesus is very touching. It is like being on the mount of Transfiguration. It is wonderful how much of the Bible they understand and how well they apply it. I think we shall have over forty to unite with us when our church is organized. Will not some christian in Portland give us a communion set?

Finished planting our garden the last of April. Dr. Schreier offered me a garden back of his house if I would fence it. I did so, and planted it with potatoes. I have made requisition on Bro. Hill for calico, shoes for both boys and girls which I hope will be promptly sent so that our children may present a respectable appearance when our summer visitors come. Have sent a pkg of garden seed to Mr. W. and Mr. Gould.

The steamer is ready to leave and I must close, with love from all,

Your brother,
A. R. Austin.

Kennett Port, Mass.
May, 10, 1884.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

Dear Friend:

I almost fear this will not reach you before you are off to the western end. But I must send my word of congratulation, Civil Government for Alaska! How who will fill the offices? I hope such men as shall be later father of our church work. When do you and Mrs. Jackson start, and will Daisy go with you and is poor Eccles to be left behind. As for me I feel as much a pilgrim on the face of the earth as

you are. We tried to have a summer home at least here, but on the night of the 23d. it was burned to the ground. That is a loss. Jane graduated this June, she and my son John are wild about the west. If I knew some place west where there was something to do for all folks I believe I'd go west like Gracelys young man. I wish that my husband could get a professorship in some of the new Colleges springing up in the west. He would be a most useful professor as young people always like him, meanwhile my two young folks could have their try at western life. John would be a live boy in any western school that got him, he is now in Erie doing a good deal of good in St. Matthews church out of office hours, and working for the Temperance Christian Ass. and giving readings for them. I expect him home in two weeks. Can you get me home when you leave?

Sincerely your friend,
Julia Maria Wright.

Institute for Deaf Mutes,
Rochester, N.Y.
May, 19th, 1884.

Dr. Jackson,

Dear Sir:

As I have not heard from Mrs. Haines since I saw you, I feel anxious to know what I am going to do. I write to ask you if there is any doubt about my going to Adams this summer, and if the delay in my appointment is necessary. I am in a very unsettled state of mind not knowing what to do about making my preparations. I do not like to go on getting ready without knowing for a certainty that I shall go, and I do not want to leave my preparations to be made the last few days before I leave home. My time at home will be very short and I would like to do all I can before I go home. I sent a certificate of church membership to Mrs. Haines.

The question as to when I went said is thought there was a form of certificate to be filled out, with which the Board would provide me. He thought I had better write and find out if such a form was required. I did so, but have heard nothing in reply. If this long suspense is necessary I will try to bear it with as good grace as possible, but if there is some mistake or misunderstanding which you might remedy, I should be so glad and grateful for your help.

Very truly yours,

Margaret Bourne.

Yours,

Haines, Alaska.

May, 19, 1884.

Dr. Jackson.

Dear Bro:

The mail came in yesterday evening and weighs about 30 net. I had a talk with Johnson this morning about another year's work. He has gotten the idea that he is a big chief and must work, but take contracts and hire his work done. I think a better man could be found here in Chilkat.

Phillip is a young man of good character, living here at Haines is more worthy. I have not spoken to him about it, several of the Indians have spoken to me concerning the matter.

I will make arrangements to go to Sitka in July. I do not know however which way the steamer may go if to Sitka before she comes here I will have missed the opportunity. Should the steamer not come in at Haines in June I don't know what I will do about our freight, that is all that will hinder us provided Mrs. Willard is well, and she is a capital planner and can ever see all necessary work outside of the above mentioned as well as I can.

We were disappointed in not seeing the steamer this month, we expected freight especially fishing tackle for halibut and the like.

Well I must cut my letter writing short. Have just heard that a little boy has been killed at Unalakleet, the lower Chilkat village for witch craft, I must therefore take the trail. We are in good health, and of course need a man and wife (married people should generally be sent as missionaries I think) to help in our Indian work. I wish you would add to your list of missionaries and bring us one.

All unite in sending Christian love.

Your brother in Christ,

Eugene S. Willard.

Juneau, Alaska.

May, 19, 1884.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

My dear Brother:

The copies of the report which you so kindly sent me were received Saturday. Please accept my thanks. Your letter of the 17th inst. disappointed me and almost destroyed a fond dream of my life. As I read in this morning's paper that the House had concurred in the Senate amendments to the Indian appropriation bill.

As to the Secretary's determination to put the salary of a Supt. into the teachers wages I can only remark that a Supt. would for the present constitute a part of the teaching force, and acting in that capacity I would expect to do some teaching while directing the general work of schools.

Every system should have an executive head, and it is doubtful whether the Governor and the two officers constituting a committee to report what should be done for the schools will have that conviction or experience which will render them the best judges of educational affairs.

In making political appointments eminent fitness is not always a consideration, and I find that school men as a rule are not elected to look after school interests.

I beg pardon for this intrusion of my opinions, and trust that, whatever may be the fate in this matter, God may so direct the President in his selection of men as will carry forward successfully the work so well begun by our mission schools.

Thanking you sincerely for the courteous manner in which you have treated me all through this affair, I promise I shall not trouble you again.

Gratefully yours,

A. J. Davis.

Portland, Oregon.
May, 19, 1884.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Sir:

It has been so long since receiving a letter from you. You requested me to take the Heenah mission for six months when the Lord would provide something else for me. I am in His hands. Perhaps you will be pleased to hear how I get along. The Board may fail to provide, but His hand never fails. I could only be happier by knowing more of His ways.

If the Board has got through with me, I want to know it and have a square deal.

Please direct Chiloet, Alaska.

Your friend,

J. S. Chapman.

Amherst, N.Y.
May, 20, 1884.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.
P. O. Box 1938, New York.

Dear Sir:

Shortly after you left here last winter, the boys of Calvary Presbyterian Church organized a missionary society calling it "Alaska Band." Although we have but few members we are doing very well. We intend to give an entertainment next week in the course of which we propose to speak of Alaska under several heads. We have taken our points from the circulars of the Bureau of Education, but these being issued

in 82 give no account of the condition or number of schools at the present time.

The reason I have written to you is to ask you to give us some information on the subject or tell us how or where we may find it. If it would not be too much trouble I would ask you to put your reply in such form that we may read it entire at our entertainment.

Very truly yours,

John F. Kiser.
96 South Ave.

Baltimore, Md.
May, 20, 1884.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Sir:

The Sunday School of Boundary Avenue Presbyterian Church of Baltimore has organized a new system of contribution and the whole school has become literally a large mission band. This is divided into chapters each of which will have some special object. In the division Alaska has been assigned to four classes of which mine is one, two of these are composed of boys ranging in age from eight to sixteen, and two of the girls about the same age. We want if possible to enlist their warmest sympathies in this field and propose to have monthly meetings to bring the subject before them. The first of these will be held on next Sunday, May 25th and we should like very much to have something of interest to bring before them at that time. I write to you in your own behalf by any suggestion, or information of any kind and will also ask you to mention which particular field it would be most desirable for us to help.

I enclose 10 for Government map of Alaska with Missions Stations. We shall be greatly obliged.

Very truly,

Miss Alexina Crawford.

Waverly Post Office.

Baltimore Co., Md.

Idaho Springs, Col.
May, 20, 1884.

Rev. Dr. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Sir:

I have just written my report to the Board and thought you might be interested to hear of the conversion and uniting with the church of Bill Rice, a noted character in these parts, and son of old "Parson" Rice who labored here so long and faithfully. Bill makes a fine christian;

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These people of the old time, is at least willing
have returned from Alaska and were delayed by the day. I
left there about 1900 and am now pleasantly located here. I
thoroughly like this city, but if the west improves in pro-
portion to the distance west I am all ready to make a fresh
start and go on to Alaska. I am boarding with Mr. J. A. Long-
worth a college friend of Rev. Mr. Young of Alaska and su-
perintendent of the S. S. in my father's church home. He and
his wife and I are intending that we should start in July.

the excursion party to Alaska this summer. I am glad to see that the bill has passed both Houses. Will you kindly send me a copy of it if the President signs it? I understand that it has been amended.

Father is attending General Assembly at Saratoga Springs. I expect him and the family here the 30th inst. He has a nice little church here and his people are earnest practical active christians.

I hope we shall have the pleasure of seeing you on your way to Alaska. This is only a half hour ride from St. Paul with trains every half hour.

I will write to Albany and try to have a copy of 26 Annual Report of Board of Health sent to you.

Yours sincerely,

Henry C. Steyer.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.
Care Bureau of Education,
Washington, D. C.

Salt Lake City, Utah.
Nov, 21 1884.

Dear Dr. Jackson:-

I write you at request of a friend of mine here, a physician and a most worthy man, a christian man, to ask if you think there would be any prospect of getting an official position in Alaska sufficient to warrant him in going to Washington.

Joseph Cook left here Monday evening for Chicago, having spent five days here. He stayed at my house and consequently I had a good chance to talk with him. He is the most remarkable man for intellectual power and facility for giving information I have ever met. He had some grand meetings while he was here. I invited 35 representative men of the city here one evening to talk over the Utah question. He had 36 foundation questions to ask. It was an exceedingly interesting and profitable meeting. The mass meeting last Saturday eve was also a telling one. The Opera House was packed Sunday evening to hear his wonderful address on "Failures of Unbelief". I am, I am alive Joseph Cook.

Faithfully yours,

K. G. McKim.

Philadelphia, Pa.
Nov, 21, 1884.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Sir:

I am glad Alaska has at last a Government. I am an Alaskan traveler and take a great interest in its development and the civilisations of its natives, and shall be glad to serve you in any way I can. You are evidently not aware of my own share of work in getting the Government now provided for.

In regard to the matter of which you wrote, there is nothing written that would serve your purpose. The climate of Alaska is so different from our own that experience here will be of no use. You must build on actual experience. I do not remember that you have tried much at the Mission Training school, but many things have been tried in Mr. Metropolski's garden close by, and his experience will be worth a great deal.

The best place for your experimental garden if you could arrange it, would be on the flat near Indian river, at the end of the Russian road. I noticed that the fog chiefly goes over the hills back of the battery and these in the climate of Sitka are no use in gardening. On the hill the mountain ash and the crab are indigenous and the fine trees of the latter in Metropolski's order afford you good hints as to the class of fruits trees likely to do well. Mr. Austin I think was not much of a taste from trees etc; but if you could engage Mr. Hill to hunt for a crab that has been known from experiments with as much energy as he will hunt bear and deer he would be of good service to you. Crittenden of Fort Wrangel has also some experience in testing fruits and vegetables and his experience ought to be of value.

I could be of better service to you in making some selections by having matters left to my discretion without certain limits, than by any set of instructions I can give you. All I can say is that I shall gladly serve you if I am able.

Very truly yours,
L. Jackson.

Metlakatla B. C.
May 24, 1894.

Rev. Mr. Jackson,
Dear Sir:

Your note of the 24th ulto was at hand yesterday notifying us of the excursion to Alaska next August of which you will have charge. About that time we shall be closing our salmon canning work and on about May 1st our people will be away. All of us who are at home will I am sure give you and your party a hearty greeting.

Your inquire about lumber. At present our stock is small on account of the great demand we have had of late, but I hope we shall be able to execute any order you may favor us

with.

Our price of common cedar boards and scantling at the
is \$10 per thousand ft., but for tongued and grooved and planed
board 12 in. broad we get \$15 per thousand.

Thanking you for your kind sympathy, believe me

Yours very gratefully,

H. E. Van Deman.

Geneva, Kans.

May, 24, 1884.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

Dear Sir:-

Having been from home for a few days I find on my
return letters from Hon. E. H. Funston and John A. Anderson
of our state now in Congress to the effect that they had seen
J. M. Haworth Supt. of Indian schools and from him had learn-
ed that there will be a Government school at Sitka, Alaska.
From what my friend Funston had before written I had given
up that hope and so had (through him) applied to the Presi-
dent for the appointment of Commissioner at Wrangell as you know
from a letter sent you a few days ago. Mr. Funston now says
that he has already sent in a communication to the Sec'y of
Interior endorsed by Supt. Haworth asking for my appoint-
ment to the Superintendency of the school to be established
at Sitka. This was my prior desire and it may be that I shall
not desire the civil appointment as for letter sent you. My
old friend John A. Anderson wishes me to write to you
about this Superintendency at Sitka and if you have any des-
ire to assist me in this matter I would most respectfully
refer you to Mr. Anderson. I believe I said something of
this kind in my former letter to you about position at Wrang-
ell. He knows me well as I was member of faculty under him in
our State Agl. College. My desire is to fill the place in life
which please God best. Perhaps I might serve better as Supt.
at Sitka than as Com'r at Wrangell or vice versa or in neither
place. God will direct and I shall try to follow. As the
matter now stands I should be glad (if you feel disposed) to
have you recommend me to the Sec'y of Interior for the Super-
intendency of school at Sitka.

With due respect and in greatest haste,

H. E. Van Deman

P. S. It seems to me that said school should be considerably
of the industrial character or well as moral and intellect-
ual.

Columbus, Pa.
May, 27, 1884.

Dear Doctor:-

News of the 26th has come to hand. The date you propose for the lecture will be convenient for us, and I will improve the time which will intervene between now and then, to get such notice before the public as may secure a large audience to profit by the occasion. You will do us a great favor and I am sure give the cause of Temperance among us fresh impulse. If you will drop me a postal by what train to expect you, I will meet you at the depot and it will be a great pleasure both to Mrs. Fly and myself to entertain you in the house.

The excursion to Alaska will be a grand affair, a rare opportunity to learn of the character of the great country known as the Northwest, a good stroke for Alaska.

With sincerest regard,

Yours,

Geo. Wells Fly.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
New York City.

Seattle, W.T.
May, 27, 1884.

Rev. Dr. Jackson,
Dear Sir:-

I take the liberty to address you in relation to the prospect for building in Alaska. It is rumored here, that there will be some rather extensive additions made to the mission buildings at Sitka this season. I suppose you will have charge of all work that may be done in Alaska, and this is the reason why I address you. Presuming that there is foundation for these reports, I wish to inquire if I can reasonably expect to obtain employment in the capacity of carpenter and builder, also if permanent employment can be had in that line in Alaska. As to my qualifications I will only say that I feel perfectly competent to erect any kind of building, either wood or brick.

Do you go to Alaska soon? If so will you be so kind as to let me know what route you will take from Portland to Port Townsend? If you go overland you will pass Seattle, and remain here from 5 to 6 P. M. which would enable me to see you, if I could be informed of when you will be here.

By replying you will confer a favor, or

Yours,

J. T. 1884

Washington, D. C.
May, 28, 1884.

Dear Mr. Jackson:-

Will you be so good as to tell me whose school and where in Alaska it is, in which we could furnish a library for fifty dollars, and name the books as we like? Shall we send our money to the Indian Bureau?

Very sincerely yours,
John S. Gifford.
228 S. St. N. Y.

Washington, D. C.
May, 28, 1884.

Rev. Chelmon Jackson,
Dear Sir:-

I have your letter of May 24th and this morning's mail has brought the book, maps and extract from Prof. Austin's letter, and I write at once to thank you very cordially for your kind attention. I am sure that this will interest our children. I cannot yet say what they will be able to do, or which field they will adopt until we have another meeting, and I can bring your suggestion of Titka before them and then I will write and let you know.

Again thanking you for your kindness,

Very truly,
Alexina Crawford.

Washington, D. C.
May, 28, 1884.

Dear Mr. Jackson:-

I ought to have said to you before you left that we are at a point to use a statement of the progress of your schools in Alaska up to June '83. I should like it in hand to send to the printer on Monday next. We have a note from Mr. Petroff, a letter from Mr. Morris and the statistics of the Island schools (St. Paul and St. George).

Very truly yours,
John S. Gifford

I send all the material on hand in regard to Indian

Seattle Port, Wash.
May, 28, 1884.

Rev. Mr. Jackson:-

Dear Friend:

Thanks for your letter, do not trouble to unpack your books. No doubt you can tell me where to duplicate that information. I shall still envy the delightful trip your girls will have in Aug. do not fail, to come here, also be sure and let me know when, so I will not be away from home, sometimes I am called off by some editing. The Sitka letter was opportune, I shall read it to my Home Miss. Soc. who are working at my home Saturdays for Alaska. I have just had a promise from a little school in Jersey of \$5 each year for the Home at Haines. I rejoice for the school volunteered it, out of their poverty. You can come here by through ticket on Old Colony line, Fall River boat from New York reaching here at 11.45 A. M. or from Boston at 7 P. M. leaving Boston at 4. Let me know your time

Regards from my husband

Very truly,

T. H. Wright.

278 St. James Place,
Brooklyn.
May, 31, 1884.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.
Montclair, N. J.

Dear Brother:-

Your letter containing good news from Alaska was duly received, for which please accept my heart thanks, also receipt for box of books shipped which Mr. Jan will attend to on Monday. I am rejoiced to hear of the work of the Holy Spirit at Sitka, Oh! that many may be thoroughly awakened and converted, and that God's dear children may be greatly revived and led to more complete consecration to the Lord Jesus Christ. My heart is greatly burdened for our missionaries in various places that God would open their eyes to some sense of what true consecration to Christ means. I commenced writing to you before I went to Saratoga but was interrupted and was not able to finish it. Since I came home I have had hands and heart full. Miss Allison from Santa Fe has been with me this week and next week I expect Rev. F. H. Birnie and wife from Cal. formerly from Omaha to be with us. I seem to be hindered in every way from my visit with you and Mrs. Jackson. I have been greatly troubled about your going to Sitka for I have felt that Mr. H. would not be in sympathy with anything you might wish to accomplish. I feel better about it since the appropriation made by Government and I hope your going will accomplish great good for the people and much service for our Blessed Master. I cannot tell you how glad I am that Mrs. James is going up to Alaska this summer. It will be of great use to us, she is a wise woman and our lady

missionaries can talk freely to her, and know that they have sisters at 25 Centre st. The proposition for Mrs. Laines to go was very warmly received by our ladies at Saratoga and it seems to be gratifying to her and her family. We asked that her daughter might accompany her and think special contributions will be made to cover the expense.

What a noble woman Mrs. Miller of Tex. is! The meetings at Saratoga were marked by a fraternal spirit it was a decided improvement on last year's meeting. The ladies of the Foreign Board were very cordial and largely attended our meeting while last year they went home. I hope this year will see many needed reforms in our work and some important additions and improvements. One thing I hope soon will be accomplished is, the appointment of a suitable woman to visit all of our schools. We must know for ourselves what kind of work is being done and how our teachers are situated. Some of the work in New Mexico makes me nearly sick with indignation.

I hope to see you on Monday as we have another meeting then. Please give my love to Mrs. Jackson, I am disappointed in not seeing her, but I have sought in vain for an opportunity. May you be guided in all your way by the Holy Spirit and keep in the peace and fellowship of Jesus is my earnest prayer for you both.

Yours in Christ,
 Herman

Wilmington, N.C.
 Apr. 31, 1884.

My Dear Friend:

Thank you for remembering us in sending us the extract from Prof. Austin's letter. It is most welcome as anything you may send us. We do feel so grateful to you for acceding to a visit, you did us untold good, everyone was much interested in your discourse. Our boys and girls have organized an Alaska Fund and are interested in the work, and are greatly interested in your visit to Wilmington.

Our Young Missionary Societies are increasing as the cause is presented. From six churches I sent in March 1884 for Mission schools in Utah and Alaska, the 2nd year I hope we will do better. I wish our Sunday schools could provide a steady gift for you.

Wishing you every success in your work,
 Yours truly,
 H. H. H.

Harrisburg, Pa.

May, 21, 1884.

Rev. Theodor Jackson,
Dear Brother:-

Your letter of the 26th inst was received last Tuesday. On the same evening I called at the house of Mrs. Bailey Mr. Jas. McCormick and Rev. Dr. Chambers but all were absent from home. On Wednesday I met Dr. Chambers at prayer meeting and mentioned the subject matter of your letter to him. He said that inasmuch as June 8th had been selected as Children's day and all arrangements have been made for morning and evening services in the Pine St. Church it will not suit to have a change made for that day. Mrs. Bailey will not be home until this evening. I called to see some of the official members of Market St. church but found none at home. I left a note with one of the elders Thursday eve. in his office, but up to this moment have not received a reply. Should the Market Square people decide to have you address them on the 8th either morning or evening or both, will it be too late to inform you and will you please advise? I address you. I shall be greatly disappointed if we cannot have you with us sometime as you propose.

Yours in Christian Fellowship.

Wm. H. Lewis.

Washington, D. C.

June, 1, 1884.

Rev. Dr. Jackson,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Accept our thanks for the documents you so kindly sent us.

We inquired concerning the lady of whom we spoke to you, but were unable to learn the facts of her going to Alaska. Her name is Mrs. Judson and she is a member of St. Mark's church of this city. Rev. A. B. Steele, pastor.

Trusting you will have a safe and prosperous journey to Alaska. I am

Very respectfully,
Wm. H. Lewis.

Syracuse, N. Y.

June, 3, 1884.

Rev. Dr. Jackson,
Dear Sir:-

I have your favor of yesterday.

I mailed to you a few days ago, to Washington a copy of my "Hills of Alaska". If it is not mailed to you, I will

Send you another if you value such works. If possible I should like to have a card when you may likely call. I am a member of our City Councils and am on the Educational and other Committees which require my presence very often in Philadelphia besides being Vice-President of the Academy of Natural Science to which institution I give considerable attention so that I am hard to catch at my place here, personally, though those who call here on business solely, seldom suffer by my absence. We are 12 miles out from the centre of the city. I should like you to see our very extensive museum and (as we think) grand collection, but if you should wish seeing me first, I could possibly arrange to meet you in the city.

Truly yours,
J. A. Jackson.

At I. M. M. M.
Washington, D. C.
June 2, 1884.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
My dear Bro:

We were very sorry to miss your call Monday evening last week. When you called we had just returned from the country. We reached home that evening at 8 o'clock and found your card. On Tuesday I was very busy and could not call to see you, but called on Wednesday and found that you had left the city that morning. We regretted very much missing the previous week, and were sorry to miss you. I wanted to talk with you some more about that clerkship, or something of the kind, and the best means of going to work to secure it. I am sure you could do much to aid me. I shall be obliged to give you something I want to do something to make a living. I have about made up my mind to try for this place. You said that whoever could get the influence of Senator Harrison could secure the appointment. I think I can secure some very strong endorsements, and shall proceed at once to do so. I think a letter from you would have great weight. Can you give me a letter of introduction to Senator Harrison or the President which I may use along with such others as I may be able to secure? Please let me hear from you at your earliest convenience with such views and suggestions as you may be pleased to give me.

How soon do you expect to be in Washington again?
Sincerely your friend,
J. A. Jackson.

U. S. Flag Shp, New Hampshire.

Newport, R. I.

June, 5, 1884.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

My dear Sir:

I am in receipt of the copy of the very interesting little book entitled "Letters from Alaska" which you kindly sent to me. My thanks. I have already perused most of it with great pleasure as it dwells upon a subject in which I have been, and always shall be deeply interested. I was invited, through Judge and Eva Southrop to deliver a lecture on Alaska in Syracuse this month for the Ladies Free Aid Society and hoped to be able to do so. Alas I cannot get away from my duties this month as have been forced to decline. Their object was to raise money for Alaska Missions. I hope I may assist them this fall. I have here at present 300 boys from 14 to 16 years of age and have had as many as 450. It was very interesting work and although very trying and confining still I shall regret my detachment from it. I wish that you might drop in on us some day as I know you would be interested.

I learn that Congress has appropriated money for the education of the Alaska Indian. Should a Government school be established there I earnestly hope that its superintendent may have his heart in the great work. It will be a grand field for him and I can see no limit to the great good he can accomplish. Should he though prove indifferent to the fruitful promises of his labors it were much better no appropriation had been made.

Again thanking you for your remembrance and kindness and with renewed assurance of my deep interest in your labors, I remain

Truly yours,

J. M. Hendon.

Lieut. U. S. A.

Casnovia, N. Y.

June, 5, 1884.

Rev. Jackson,

Dear Sir:-

Your very kind letter I hasten to answer out of a desolated and broken heart must come my letter. My darkest saddest days yet thank God my faith is strong and a loving Father has done it although I am under the deepest sorrow.

I wish we could go on the journey you propose but that is not possible at present. There is so much to see too so much to arrange and so that no one but ourselves can attend to them. We must remain at home. It seems as if I never wanted to go more at times and yet no one knows what God has in the future.

We are in our own sweet home just as when you were here, and when you return from Alaska I hope you will come and tell us of your work in Alaska and of the mission. I have read your book many months ago and I love Mrs. McFarland who got having seen I know well by her sweet letters and devotion to the Master. We have at present more engagements than we can fill in our Society, have just had an even'g with young Tammell who is where Bushnell was in Gabon Africa and next week or week after again Barakat the Syrian woman is to be here so we could not make another appointment. When you arrive in Alaska, will you write to us? All those fearful stories about the missions which were read by many here, left there impressions so you must write in your own clear fair style of what your eyes see, the cause has suffered some for all do not remember "The blessed who are persecuted for Christ's sake" we know because we know that a true missionary must endure from those who have no real sympathy and are glad of an excuse for not doing their duty.

I am glad you have met Mrs. Wright she is an excellent woman, though not sound as I wish, she has a big loving heart, I am glad to hear she is interested in Missions or doing good for the Master.

With love to your wife and asking you again to write to us when you arrive and see.

Yours sincerely,

With love and thanks from Mrs. Rogers.
E. W. Ten Eyck.

13 Centre St., New York.
June 25th, 1894.

Rev. Mr. Charles Jackson,
Willow House,
Lentins, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Jackson:-

I direct this to you instead of Mr. Jackson, just because I have an envelope on hand addressed to you, which I wish to save. Will you please thank Mr. Jackson for the book on Alaska, which will be read by us with very special interest. A particular object in writing today is, to let him know that Miss Margaret Chapman of 208 North St. Paul St. Rochester, N.Y. was accepted last Monday by the school committee and final action in her case by the Board of Home Missions will not be taken until the 15th inst. I have however, written to her that the matter is virtually settled, knowing that it is important that she should have as long notice before hand as possible, in case she goes to Alaska this summer. I think now that the way is open for Mr. Jackson to make formal application to have her go on with the proposed excursion, in order partly to save money on her travelling expenses, and also because in any case Mrs. McFarland has written urging

For more assistance to be furnished the Mission at Fort Wrang
 el. Should that school be moved to Sitka, it seems evident
 that Miss Lappin can make herself exceedingly useful. I
 leave the matter with him to attend to. I would like that if
 possible, should send me word what evening next week he may
 be able to spend with us, so that my sons may be at home to
 confer with him.

Yours affectionately,
 F. M. H. Baker.

Baltimore, Md.
 June, 9, 1884.

Rev. Mr. Sheldon Jackson,
 Mission House 23 Centre St.
 New York.

My esteemed friend:-

Your valued letter of the 27th ulto was received.
 The Abstract and Prof. Austin's letter is of deep interest to
 all Christians, particularly the friends of Alaska. The whole
 object of the Trade Indian is to lead the young people to Jesus.

Your letter to me will be read to our Sunday school on
 Sabbath next, and I think the School of Secondary Avenue Pres
 church will vote a part of their missionary money to Sitka as
 the largest field of usefulness, not because they think less
 of Mrs. McFarland's work but more for Christ's work at Sitka.

How much I regret I cannot join you in your excursion to
 Alaska. I received the pamphlets you sent me.

Sincerely your friend,
 Henry M. Harvey.

Nebraska.
 June, 10, 1884.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
 New York.

My dear Brother Jackson:-

I am just in receipt of your letter of May 31st,
 which was forwarded from my home. I have had one or two
 letters from the gentlemen of whom you wrote, Mr. Vandunbar
 but have not made any promise to him in any way. I advised
 him to make application to you for a position in Alaska, as
 he was represented to be a member of your church. I would not
 recommend him to the Secretary with the limited knowledge I
 have of him and would far prefer to recommend Rev. Sheldon
 Jackson than anybody else I know of, even if his boots may
 be somewhat worn. I will be very glad indeed to give you any
 help I can in securing the place if you want it, in fact I

not thought of anything else than that the work up in that country would be mostly continued under your church for a time. I am sorry I have not had your letter sooner but have been a little outside of mail facilities. Will write you again

Truly yours,
J. Wavorth.

Wahatzen, Mo.
June, 10, 1884.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

Dear Brother:-

Your letter of May 31st was received here yesterday, written from New York. I have been attending our State Horticulture meeting at Junction City, Mo. and am here to attend the commencement exercises of the State Agr' College, with which I have been connected. Your Washington letter was not received. If I do not mistake the meaning of your letter, you are expecting to be Supl. of the Sitka school yourself. I had not thought of your acting in that capacity, but supposed the Government would select someone from the educational or political circles. I knew you had charge of all the Mission work in that country, but did not suppose you thought of taking personal charge of that school. Capt. Wavorth has charge of the Indian schools at large and has endorsed me to the Hon. Sec'y of Interior. But I have not the slightest desire to supersede or prevent you in your grand work for that crude people of the North. If my securing the appointment of Capt. of the school at Sitka I would do so then I would not desire the appointment. I want to do just what God would have me do. It was my first intention to try to secure the educational position at Sitka and when my friends, Senator Plumb and Representative Truett wrote me that the school would not probably be established I made application for Com. at Frankfort, but when I wrote to my old friend Anderson for his endorsement to the President he was obliged to reply that he had already recommended a gentleman from his own district for the place. He advised me to go out as "one of your men" but if you are to take charge of the school at Sitka you no doubt have your teachers at Sitka already chosen from those who have been there. Teaching in a literary way is not my proper place but rather that of an industrial nature, Horticulture, Botany, Entomology are my specialties. Fruit growing has been my work from childhood. I have a practical knowledge of general farming as well as of carpentering and the like to a considerable degree. Now if you have any such place to fill that would pay me to accept, I might be induced to remove my family there. How is it?

I wish to scientifically explore the country to some extent and would like the chance to do so outside the duties of an office. I wish that you would interpose in my behalf in the matter of appointment as Com. at Wrangel, but I hate politics. Brusten advised me strongly to choose the Capt. at Sitka, but I am content for whatever the Lord may have for me, if it is to continue my work here then I am ready to submit. Brusten will act for me, see him when you are at Washington or write to him for me.

Wishing to do God's Will, I remain

Yours in Christ,

Wm. Van Dusen.

P. M. Direct to Geneva, Allen Co., Pa.

7 Warren St., New York.
June, 11, 1884.

The Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
c/o Augustus Fove, Jr., Dollars
for making the plans etc for the centre building of the mission at Sitka, Alaska..... \$20.

Received Payment,

With thanks.

Augustus Fove, Jr.

Washington, D. C.
June, 11, 1884.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
P. O. Box 1938,
New York City, N.Y.

My dear Sir:-

Upon my return this morning after an absence of several days, I find your favor of the 4th inst in reference to the garrison buildings at Fort Wrangel. Upon inquiry I find that no communication of the nature referred to has been received from Rev. T. Hall Young. The latest communication in the matter was a letter from the Department to the Collector at Sitka directing him to permit the use of the rooms by the Presbyterian Board of Missions. If any application is made which seems to antagonize the result I will endeavor to keep you informed.

Please accept my thanks for your kind expression in reference to the Judgeship, I look for success.

Very sincerely yours,
Frank Sperry.

Rochester, N.Y.
June, 11, 1884.

Dr. Jackson:-

Thank you very much for your kind letters. When I knew why I was made to wait it was easier to be patient.

I heard from Mrs. Haines this week and she said she would write again very soon. I think I can be ready to go with you when you go. I shall have to hurry to get ready by that time, but when I get home my sisters will help me. I am glad to go with your family, pleasant company adds so much to the pleasure of travelling. I look forward to the trip with great pleasure.

Prof. and Mrs. Westervelt expect to attend the convention at Madison and I hope you will meet them. After the 10th of this month my address will be No. 11 Robin st., Albany.

I will write to Mrs. Haines the last of the week for the papers you spoke of.

Very gratefully yours,
Margaret Lapham.

New York,
June 12, 1884.

To the
President,
Hon. and Dear Sir:-

Having for seven years past plead the recognition of Alaska, now that Congress has created a Government for that section, I feel a deep interest in the character of the officers that shall be appointed. Let me then to suggest to you Mr. John French for Clerk of Alaska. I have known Mr. French for years and believe him to possess for more than ordinary executive ability and tact, together with integrity and uprightness of character.

His appointment as Clerk would be gladly welcomed by the people of Alaska.

Very respectfully yours,
Sheldon Jackson.

Supt. of Presbyterian Missions in Alaska.

New York,
June, 12, 1884.

Dear Dr. Jackson:-

I enclose checks for the following persons:
Mr. & Mrs. J. F. McFarland.
Mrs. & Miss Austin.
Mrs. W. S. Villard.

Miss E. L. Mathews.

It may pleasant for you in greet them in this way. In case you do not meet them I enclose envelopes so you may mail them. Let me know whether you deliver in person or mail them, please. I collected your Wabash coupons \$35 and paid bill Rubber goods \$10.23, freight on boxes and cost of case \$10.35 I enclose check for \$14.42=\$35.

If you can use a Winchester Rifle and any other kind of fire arms write me after you reach Sitka and I will attend to the matter personally, privately if need be.

If you will write an order on the back of the enclosed O. and return to me I will collect the money order referred to and account to you, for the same. I enclose a copy of the stationer bill. The \$10.35 freight case and ctge you will I suppose charge the Board. Keep me posted as to inside matters.

With kind wished and many prayers for your success and happiness, I am

Yours truly,

A. D. Eaton.

Fort Wrangel, Alaska.

June, 13, 1884

Dr Jackson,

Dear Bro:-

This has been a beautiful day. We have had rain for weeks past. The mission force here are all well at present. Mrs. A. B. McFarland has just returned from a trip to the Tyda the past month. Miss Gould and Mr. McLeod came over with her in Mr. Gould's boat. Mr. Chapman passed through on his way to Juneau, my wife and I felt very sorry for him and tried to encourage him, he said Mr. Will told him of some charges that had been made against him. Our Custom Col. Mr. Wilson arrived but went to Sitka on some business, will be back on return steamer. After the boat has made its trip to Sitka there is to be an exploring party up the Copper river which will make her a little later returning than usual. Much obliged for Alaska bill providing for civil Government as this is the second you sent. Very glad to hear of its success so far, hope it will received the necessary signature, glad to hear of the needed appropriation, I was almost sure it would all come as I have offered up prayers daily for it, now my prayer is that the Lord will send the right men to execute them, and that this dark land may be blessed. Thanks for back numbers of Home Missionary. Expect to hold our communion the fourth Sabbath of June.

We have changed our plans in reference to going to Sitka this summer, as I wrote in my last. First we feel in justice to ourselves we must rest, second our little girl is very low with consumption and we cannot form any definite plans.

Third I am no carpenter never having learned the trade, with only a slight knowledge of a few tools and lastly past experience teaches me that the less you mix up in other peoples business the better. Mr. Chapman said that the Indians were very anxious that he should accompany them to their Sea Otter and Fishing Camps and we expect to follow them in the summer seasons, the Lord Willing. I will be glad if the Presbytery should be put off as it will suit me better. I think at least in some respects. Several of Mrs. Young's boys have left her home, one or two she turned out for insubordination and impudence.

Wife joins me in love to yourself and family.

Your brother in Christ,

John W. McFarland.

P. S. We sopke of our mail being sent via Sitka but I believe it should have been via Juneau as it is much shorter route.

I have heard some of both sides of Mr. Chapman's trouble and I cannot believe the reports, there is a day coming when everything secret shall be revealed.

Ware Island, Cal

June, 13, 1884.

My dear Dr. Jackson:-

The book containing Mrs. Willard's letters came to hand yesterday and both Mrs. Glass and myself have been much interested in it, and thank you for your kindness in sending it to us.

While I had command of the Wochusett I visited the Chilcat country as noticed by Mrs. Willard and had an opportunity of seeing something of the hardships our missionaries were called upon to undergo, and also of appreciating the rare self devotion to a noble cause shown by Mr. and Mrs. Willard; but one needs to read Mrs. Willard's thrilling account of their winter life to understand all they were called upon to endure. Surely such effort and devotion must result in great good.

I am glad that at last Congress has made a form of organization for Alaska and we may hope for satisfactory developement of the territory although the law as passed, is not all that could be desired.

Trusting that you are well and with kind regards from Mrs. Glass and myself, I am

Sincerely your friend,

Henry Glass.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

New York City.

Arkansas City, Kansas.
June, 13, 1884.

Rev. Dr. Jackson,
New York,

My dear Sir:-

I reached this point from the Indian Territory last evening found a letter from Mr. Van Deman about the Alaska school. I have never met him, hence know nothing about him from personal acquaintance. The day I left Washington for the west, Congressman Funston came to see me about Mr. Van Deman getting a place in Alaska in the event of a Gov't school being established there, he gave me a letter of application he had prepared in Mr. Van Deman's interest to forward to the Secretary, asked me to take the letter with me and he would write to Mr. V. to meet me at some point, my home or some place else and if I thought him the proper man for such a place I could endorse the letter and forward it to the Secretary. He informed me at the same time that Mr. V. was a very active member of your church, also that he was a very successful educator having been for a long time connected with the Manhattan Agriculture College. It impressed me that it might be a very proper thing to do and would be satisfactory to you as your church was the only one doing such good in Alaska. I told Mr. Funston of you and intended to write you a note to go and see him but some day my multitude of little things caused me to forget, which I very much regret, as it might have saved a misunderstanding in the promise, but I had no idea for you had not even given me a hint of your wanting the place of Supr. of the school and I thought from the recommendation given by Mr. Funston in favor of Mr. Van Deman that his appointment would be very pleasant for you. I have not or had not lost sight of the fact, that to you more than to all others combined was or is due the credit of the appropriation being made in Alaska's favor and as is said in a hasty pencil note written while the stage stood waiting for it, certainly to no one would I give whatever influence I may possess in preference to yourself for that work, and regret exceedingly that you did not let me know your desire in the promise.

I have written Mr. Van Deman fully which will go by the same mail as this, telling him that I had been informed by you that you desired the charge of the school if a Gov't school was established, and I would give you my influence for the place. I presume you had better give the matter your attention, if the Conference Committee have decided upon the amount.

Will be at my home in Olathe in about ten days from now.

Am working hard to get work enough behind me to allow me to go to Madison but am a little doubtful about it as yet. I am anxious to go to Alaska but cannot say as yet.

Truly your friend
 J. L. Haworth,
 Supt. Ind. Schools.

Baltimore, Md.
 June, 16, 1884.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
 Dear Sir:-

I write to say that the little Mission Band connected with the Boundary Avenue Sunday school will be very glad to adopt the Sitka school as their field. They will certainly be able to raise \$50 a year and I hope that their interest will be so awakened that their contribution will increase in proportion and will amount to much more.

With kind regards,

Very truly,
 Alexina Crawford.

New York,
 June, 16, 1884.

Dear Friend:-

I send a package of maps, charts, and steamship codes. I sincerely trust these bright colored pictorial views may be of some benefit to your Alaskan scholars in their struggle to get into higher things.

I will gather up the money and try to send it up this week.

Yours respectfully,
 E. C. Bridgman

Rev. Dr. Jackson:-

Sitka, Alaska,
 June, 16, 1884.

Rev. Dr. Jackson:-

The steamer came in at 12 P. and threw the freight on the wharf and was off for the Copper River. I did not see her after leaving the Gov't surveying party there, she will call at Sitka again on her way down. I cannot say that I was surprised to find you not as I thought it more than likely you would be detained, when I found how Alaska legislation seemed to hang fire. I had given up all hopes of getting a Gov't or of your getting an appropriation this year. I pray that your labors may be crowned with success. I think our garden will look nicely by the time the excursion reaches Sitka.

I sent to Portland for seeds, yours came a month later. I send a package each to Bros. Willard and Gould by the same steamer on which they reached me. I believe I wrote you that I had planted a field with potatoes back of Schmeier's house, they are up and look thrifty. The old garden is planted principally with cabbage, cauliflower, and rutabagas. Mr. McFarland and wife did not come by this steamer. I have removed the stump roots etc piled up at the back of the house and made a fence of them with the brush along the swamp. I will have the sills ready by the time you arrive. Think I can get Sherrigan to help me and I have money enough to use at present. I offered Mr. Haley \$150 for the lot adjoining us, he would not set a price for it but wanted me to make an offer. I think it best to leave it as it is at present. Have not used any portion of the check \$250 you sent me. Our seats and desks arrived by this steamer, have not carted them from the wharf (store house) yet; It is raining and I do not want to get the iron fixtures wet. Mr. Hill writes me that we have fixtures for fifty, the rest were not ready. The net did not come and he says nothing about it in his letter, he mentions that he had sent two pairs of shoes for each of the scholars. They did not come and they are not on the shipping receipts. I send requisitions for grocery supplies and for uniform suits. It will be economy to send the groceries in two shipments two months apart. The Indian meal gets bitter if kept too long and the rats get into the flour notwithstanding we keep two cats in the store room. Have asked Mr. Dourney about lumber and Don't think you can depend on getting lumber at the mills you mention. There is plenty on the sound and much cheaper than at any other place on this coast. If you could arrange to get a schooner load Mr. Hattern will have some but he asks \$20 per M. He may shade it a little for you. I will try and have some logs in and get as much sawed as possible. I think you will need a lumber wagon like they need east, to draw boards on, make it long or short by having holes in the reach, it will pay for itself in the next two years. We need some wheel barrows and something to put on the upper hall, the noise is dreadful, it is 3 ft. 10 inches wide. The steamer sails at 3 A. M. and I shall have to close and give this to the Purser.

With kindest regards from all to you and yours, I remain

Most sincerely yours,

A. E. Austin.

Port Wrangel, Alaska.

June, 16, 1884.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

Dear Brother:-

Yours of May 16th is received. We are all rejoiced at the news this month and feel that we are much indebted to you for your effort to secure the end you mentioned. We hope to see a different state of things in this country soon, but we do not seem sure about the money for the Industrial school at Utkah. I feel very anxious and not a little troubled to know what I ought to do, say the Lord direct in all these matters. I feel that I need not write much for I not believe you will get it. I have just returned from Kansas west bound last steamer and came home in an open boat, was nine days out. Am much killed with the trip do not think I will ever try it again. We are well and hope to see you soon. I was very at Kansas two weeks hurried home thinking you might be on the steamer. I believe I will send this to Portland.

In one of your letters lately you thought the Lord would save my girls to Utkah. What about that, Dr. Kendall has never mentioned it in any way. I feel sometimes as if I would be willing to go anywhere, rather than stay in this house another year and a half as we will have to do.

Yours truly,

A. S. Farland.

P. S. I did not show your letter to Miss Jackson because I had never said anything to her about the matter of going to Utkah as you requested me.

U. S. Senate.

Washington, D. C.

June, 17, 1834.

W. Kendall, Esq.

Secretary, P. S. Box 1938

New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of June 16th is received. The subject matter of it will be very favorable, considered as I am acquainted with Dr. Jackson and shall be glad to do what I can to assist in his appointment.

Very respectfully,

A. S. Farland.

United States Senate.

Washington, D. C.

June, 17, 1834.

Rev. W. Kendall, Esq.

Secretary

23 Centre st.

New York, N.Y.

My dear Sir:-

Your letter of June 16th has been received. I shall be very glad to speak to Sec'y Teller in behalf of Dr. Jackson. The bill does not provide for a Superintendent of Schools but someone, I suppose will have to be commissioned to locate and open the schools.

Very respectfully yours,
Benj. Harrison.

United States Senate.

Washington, D. C.
June, 18, 1884.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter in relation to Dr. Jackson and education in Alaska received. I have said to Secretary Teller that this appointment would be an eminently fitting one.

Yours respectfully,
Jno. Mitchell.

Mr. W. Wendell.
Secretary Home Missions.

Sitka, Alaska.
June, 18, 1884.

Dear Dr. Jackson:-

I have written to all not to come till Sept. The schooner Leo arrived yesterday from San F. with general mdse. A large schooner has been sent up to Sragus's to load with 200 M. ft spruce for San F. We have about 40 M. for here which we brought up in March from Seattle. Am sorry that we are not on the ground. We cannot send the schooner to Roberts upon such uncertainty. We shall now load the Leo and start westward to sell goods and buy furs. I shall be on her and do not expect to return here before Sept. 1st. Of course I shall pick up all curies that come in my way.

oping that you have secured the \$25000 appropriation, I shall feel like spring out the land for future missions. All are well and are doing well. We are very busy and steamer leaves in a few hours.

Yours sincerely,
John G. Brady.

Fairnes,
June, 19, 1884.

Dr. Jackson,

Dear Brother:-

The mail came in yesterday about noon about 1000. Your two letters to hand. I have also a letter from Dr. Tracy concerning Presbytery (to met in July he says). I am glad your letter came as it has. I will not go to Sitka in July and I am afraid it would have been a mistake for me to have left here at this time of the year. I am chief cook and bottle washer. You know Mrs. Willard's home looks alive between 7 in the morning and 6 at night. Chapman is helping me with the carpenter work, he is boarding with us. Miss Latheys has this week consented to watch the girls in the school house, though Mrs. W. still has an oversight and the managing, she is greatly relieved and Jessie cooks for herself. I am so full just now with building, Indians Chinamen and whitermen that I cannot get enough time to myself to prepare for the mail the few business letters that ought to be written.

If you come to Fairies or Portage Bay and can bring any freight on the excursion steamer can you and will you order for me 2000 ft flooring and 600 ft 2 by 12.

We are all in good health or as good as can be expected. We hope to see you by July for some reasons, but for those mentioned at the top of page. Wish you to receive this letter in time.

Regards to all.

Your brother in Christ.

Eugene D. Willard.

Boston, Mass.

June, 19, 1894.

Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

My dear Sir:-

Yours of the 8th was received on my return from the west. I shall insert Alaska as you desire. How many have you engaged? I hope your party will be filled early. I shall see one or two Alaska articles before the meeting. The meeting at Madison will be a great opportunity to work Alaska and supplement all the work previously done. I hope all things are working to your highest advantage.

I have a pass for you from St. Paul to Portland and I will send it to you in a day or two. If we seem to be neglectful of some interests please charge it to the overwhelming pressure of business.

Very truly yours,

T. W. Ficknell.

Pres't Nat'l Educational Association.

23 Centre St., New York.
June, 19, 1884.

Rev. Dr. Jackson,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

Miss Laughlin writes asking you advise her to write to me for E. R. permits, one half fare. The West Shore gives same favor from Chicago to Madison. Mr. Eaton can do something but I do not understand about the fare from Madison or St. Paul to Alaska. If Miss Laughlin can go at one half fare the "excursion" rate, it is less than what Mr. Eaton can do. For myself and daughter Carrie I understood you could get tickets at excursion rates, taking us back to Portland, Oregon only, as we now expect to go from there to California, as I suppose you can get excursion rates for Miss Laughlin as well. Sorry to trouble you.

Let me know if you can when you expect to come back to New York City, day and hour at 23 Centre St. cannot you come over to sleep at 245 Carroll St. I could meet you at Mrs. Ham's 370 St. James if you prefer.

Yours truly,

F. M. H. Rains.

Sec'y.

House of Representatives.

Washington, D. C.

June, 21, 1884.

Mr. Kendall,

Dear Sir:-

Yours were recd. Will do all I can for Dr. Jackson.

Yours truly,

F. M. H. Rains.

New York, N. Y.

The Gracery.

June, 23, 1884

Rev. Dr. Jackson, D. C.

Dear Dr. Jackson:-

I thank you for your kind note of information relative to Alaska trip.

I have been called in the Providence of God to sustain a great loss in the death of my son and only child. This has so shocked my health, I fear I am not in a condition to undertake so long a trip, together with my anxiety for my brother part of my home life, and has for sometime been complaining. I am not seriously, still having been so recently

stained I am nervously anxious.

I know it will be a charming instructive trip, and I have been greatly warmed to it by reading Pierpont's Book.

Again thanking you for your kindness and wishing you and your party every happiness, I remain

Sincerely yours in christian work.

Larry Hartley Brown.

New York, N.Y.

June 23rd, 1884.

Sheldon Jackson, Esq., Mgr.
Care Bureau of Education,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to your personal application for extension of time for members of the National Educational Association intending to go on the excursion to Alaska, would say that the Committee at its meeting last week, for the roads east of Chicago, agreed to extend the time during which the return tickets will be honored, to include October 15th.

It will be necessary for the holders, in each case, to present their tickets for endorsement to Mr. T. C. Moore, Chairman, Chicago Committee, Montank Block, 115 Monroe St. Chicago.

Yours truly,

E. H.

Secretary.

Chicago, Ill.

June, 24, 1884.

Mrs. Sheldon Jackson,
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir and Brother:-

Referring to your letter of June 20th, with enclosed letter of Goodall, Perkins and Co. relating to the use of the Steamer for the Alaska party, please allow me to say, I do not understand, what they have control of that business or at least have anything to do with this special excursion for Alaska, the arrangements so far, have been under and by the authority of Mr. Charles S. Fee, General Passenger Agent of our line, and my understanding is, that the Northern Pacific Railway being the initiatory line, and having named rate, will see that the necessary accommodations are secured for the party. I have however, forwarded to Mr. Fee, your letter with that of Mr. Goodall, Perkins & Co. requesting him to advise me at once, in regard to the matter. I agree with you in the

believe that the party will number 75 or 100, I will advise.
 You of Mr. Poe's reply as soon as I hear from him.

Yours truly,

J. R. Barry.

C. I. A.

Wilmington, Del.

June 24, 1894.

Dear Sir:-

Our Missionary Society has a small sum of money in the treasury which we have decided to devote to some mission and there is a dissension of opinion as to whether Utah or Alaska is the most needy field. Consequently they appointed an agent to see the claims of each field assigned each of a lady member and Alaska to me. Now from information at hand this is my side of the question but I must stand by my claim. Looking over the Home Missionary for the last six months I don't find much to the point I at least get enough as my opponent can find for her side and knowing all you as having a great deal of knowledge of the west in Alaska, I write to ask if you won't give us some of the best of the territory, talking of some church building that would be a real or some other place where forty or fifty million would come in real good. Now I think you understand pretty well what is wanted, and will be much obliged if you will furnish it. If desired information is not forthcoming at present will you be so kind as to write and tell when and how it will be I remembering that the question is to be settled at our next meeting, second Thursday in July as I can know what to depend on.

Hoping that I have not appeared impertinent, I am

Yours respectfully,

John R. Chandler.

100 W 4th St.

25 Centre St., N. Y.

June 24, 1894.

Hon. Henry M. Teller,

Secretary of the Interior,

Dear Sir:-

I learn that the name of Rev. S. Hall Young is before you for appointment as Supt. of Public Instruction in Alaska.

As your appointee will necessarily come into contact with the Board's mission and school work in that territory, a few words from me in regard to Mr. Young's fitness for the post may not be inappropriate.

As Treasurer of this Board I have had much to do with him in various ways and have found him deficient in executive ability, careless in matters, where promptness and exactness and especially as far as to the way to render an intelligible account of his financial transactions. I do not mean to call into question his honesty or integrity, but his ability to keep books and render clear and comprehensible accounts.

Very truly yours,
O. D. Bates.

New York, N.Y.
June, 20, 1884.

To the
Hon. H. M. Teller,
Secretary.

Dear and Dear Sir:-

I take great pleasure in joining with my brethren of the various churches in their endorsement of Rev. Dr. Jackson.

George F. Fieldner,
Sec. for Domestic Missions,
Protestant Episcopal Church,
22 Fifth Avenue, New York.

New York, N.Y.
June, 20, 1884.

Hon. Henry M. Teller,
Secretary,

Sir:-

It gives me pleasure to recommend to you Rev. Frederick Jackson, D. D. for Supt. of Public Instruction in Alaska, if such an office shall be created.

Mr. Jackson's knowledge of Alaska and his experience among its inhabitants are remarkable and his energy, efficiency and self denying labors have not been surpassed. He would bring to the service in the direction of that people a consecration that is broad, unsectarian and christian. On all accounts Mr. Jackson seems to me to be eminently fitted for the position named.

Respectfully,

W. M. Strick.

Gen. Sec. of the American Missionary Association
(Congregational).

New York, N.Y.
June, 20, 1894.

Rev. H. M. Vetter,
Sec. of Education.

Sir:-

I have the honor to introduce to you Rev. Sheldon Jackson, whom you must know personally as well as by his intimate connection with the Home Mission work of his church in various parts of the country, and especially the Indian work in Alaska.

This is to solicit for him the appointment of Superintendent of Public Instruction for Alaska. If you know him as well as I do, I think you would not hesitate to consent. He has been deeply interested not only in the establishment of religious institutions, but of educational ones in this far part of our land. I certainly need add no more.

Most respectfully yours,

J. M. Bass,

Car. Secy. Home Missions,
Sec. of H. M. Church.

W. E. Soule, Chairman.

Washington, D. C.
June, 20, 1894.

J. Wendell,
Secretary, Board of Home Missions,
New York.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of the 14th inst. in relation to the appointment of Dr. Jackson as Superintendent of Public Instruction in Alaska was duly received, but a press of other duties prevented me from calling your Secretary's letter as you requested. I have been confined to my room by sickness this week, but hope to get out soon, and as soon as I am able an opportunity I will see the Secretary and urge Dr. Jackson's appointment.

Truly yours,
J. M. Bass.

Baltimore, Md.
June, 27, 1894.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Sir:-

I am sorry to trouble you so often, but one of the teachers in our Alaska Fund wishes me to ask if you think that one or any of the teachers in the Alaska school would like to correspond with one of our boys. If so, I will ask you to send the name and address. The boy who wishes to be interested

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in each other in the same way.

Yours truly,

Alexis Crawford.

J. C. Fosse,
Lawson, Pa.
June 22, 1884.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson.

Dear Brother:

I am about to send you a check for \$100.00. I don't want to send to the Board but to put it directly in your hands. Please let me hear from you as soon as possible. I write to both Washington and New York.

Truly yours,

Joe N. Williams.

Jackson, Alaska.

My dear Brother:

Before the Sept. steamer Mr. Mel's will say (4) and number. I think you would better not expect any more this summer.

I have asked Capt. Sprague to inform you what he can do. Both wills you mention are cutting and shipping to San Francisco.

The delay of the mission will be unfortunate for me. I am not reflecting on Mr. Mel.

Yours for the Master,

J. Lorenzo Smith.

Bethlehem, Pa.

July 1, 1884.

My dear Brother:

I received your letter on my return home on Saturday and send you enclosed the recommendation you suggest. Will have the pleasure of one copy of the "Norwegian" changed as you

What are you going to Alaska? I am glad to say that we have heard from our two explorers. On the 18th of May they reached Unalaska on the Aleutian Islands and expected, in a few days to go on to the mainland per steamer of the Alaska Commercial Company which is showing them the country. The Greek deacon who visited claimed all the country to which they are going as the exclusive territory of his church. In this week's "Norwegian" there will be a letter from Weinland.

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R. de Schweinitz.

Washington, D. C.
July 5, 1934.

Dear Dr. Jackson:

This money is lying in my desk ever since your letter came, and I have waited first for a name and then with a vague hope of meeting you and talking with you about the Bible school, when I could get it into your hands. Please tell me when you acknowledge the receipt of this if there is anything else our young people can do to assist. I suppose this barely furnished the dormitory, how many children will sleep there? What other articles would be useful in the room? As to the same would it be too much to place over the door a picture "The Bible", and right below it, Isaiah 28: 16. I am obliged if you will kindly let the executive committee know that we do not have to wait a side of them in sending our contributions directly to you.

Very sincerely yours,

Leona Sunderland.

P. S. In Isaiah 28: 16 we find these words, "And my people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation and in sure dwellings and in quiet resting places". "Quiet resting places" is in the Hebrew language Meskan. We would like our dormitory to be a place where as prayers around both night and morning young children hearts, the room we desire a Meskan, a truly quiet resting place. - "Meskan" is the Hebrew word for a place where one can rest.

Young people of First Presbyterian Church,
Washington, D. C.

Treasury Department,

Washington, D. C.
July 5, 1934.

Shelton Jackson, Esq.,
P. O. Box 1938,
New York City.

Sir:-

Your letter of the 22d inst. is received, stating that a number of delegates to the annual convention of the National Educational Association of the United States at Madison, Wis. and friends, proposed to make an excursion to Alaska, and asking that instructions be issued to the Collector of Customs at P. O. Townsend Wash. Ter. so that the vessel carrying them may stop at Pella-Katta-B. C. to allow the inspection of an Indian school there, and possibly to take on lumber.

to be transported to Alaska. In response you are informed that section 3126, R. S. provided for the clearance and entry of a vessel in the case submitted for you, and that no other instructions to the Collector of Customs at Port Townsend are necessary.

Very respectfully,

Wm. S. V.

Secretary.

W. S. V.
July 10, 1886.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed you will find check for one hundred and three dollars for Alaska Mission the contribution of our Seventh Society. We send it hoping and praying that it may be used for the advancement of the Gospel of Christ. The three dollars extra were private contributions handed in to me and knowing that every little helps I sent it along with the other check. It would please our society very much to receive an acknowledgment of this gift. Also please let us hear from you in Alaska.

Sincerely yours,

Sam. H. Williams.

Wm. S. V.
July 10, 1886.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson:-

Dear Sir:-

The young people of our church in this place have a foreign mission band in which they take an increasing interest, and I think many of them have not heard unproved the appeals for workers in the home and foreign fields, one at least, having questioned himself about his duty feels he cannot be a missionary still longs to be of some use to the cause somewhere. I just read Mrs. Wright's book on Alaska, in which she speaks of the great need of a law mill. Now this young man has been for four or five years in the lumber business with an older brother and is said to be an excellent business man, understanding pretty thoroughly his work. He is twenty, an earnest christian and has the respect of the town. He is also I think generous and would give as well as work, at least he does now, sometimes I know the generosity does not increase with years and prosperity, but I trust it would not be in his case.

A lady younger than I and I always attend the meetings

of the Band and young men's prayer meetings and as we each have a Sabbath school class of boys from fifteen to twenty we are much with the young people, and they come to us very freely with their hopes and plans. So this young man has confided to me his desire to step into this place which from the book seemed just opened for him. In my friend's class there is a young carpenter who might wish to go, he is also one of our workers, a Christian. I should seem to think that if they do not feel called to be missionaries it might be helpful to live among the people and teach by example and influence and help the missionaries and still carry on whatever business they take up.

If you would kindly let me know what you think of the undertaking, where it could be well to establish it and when it could be begun, we should be very grateful for your interest. And if you will be in the neighborhood of New York or Philadelphia during the summer or fall, he would come to see you. It would be much more satisfactory to you and to him to talk instead of writing. His heart seems much set upon this, and as he is slow to choose and not easily deterred he is perhaps the one for the place. Alaska is in such desperate need it seems as if the best good that promises ought to be cherished.

Very sincerely yours,
(Miss) Mattie A. Savage.

23 Centre St., New York.
July 12, 1884.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Sitka, Alaska

My dear Friend:-

A letter is just received from Mrs. L. S. Bartlett Maryville, E. Tenn asking that the No. of a scholarship in the "Sheldon Jackson Institute" be assigned to their S. School.

Thinking that this letter would reach Alaska, possibly by the same steamer that will set you down "beneath the shade of the vine" which you have so largely planted, it occurred to me that it would be a fitting service for you to render as the "first fruit" of labor in Alaska well to select the scholarship. The action will show the value of the gift of sentiment for the waiting S. School.

Please ask Mr. or Mrs. Austin (for of course the correspondence must come through them) to write, as soon as possible both to me and Mrs. Bartlett giving No. of scholars-12, also whether in boys or girls schools.

Wishing you abundant success in your generous privilege of extending Home Mission work in Alaska, I am

Yours very sincerely,
W. A. Dyer.

New York.

Dear Dr. Jackson:-

Enclosed are the nominations for Mr. and Mrs. McFarland, Miss Duggan and "John" and Louise. I have also sent Miss Duggan's July 1904, Tillie and John A. 1st and 10th and Mr. McF's blank for you to fill up and advise me. It is now right to date T. and L's. as far back as April 1st or know if and change the date to suit. I thought I thought it might be well to have them very sure the 1st from Gar't.

I also send you some blanks regarding the same give to some of them their 1. I suppose your hands and head are full so will not trouble you further just now.

Yours truly,

C. W. Ford.

111 Centre St., New York.
July, 18, 1904.

Dear Brother Jackson:-

My wife wants to send a message to your wife but you are not expected to read!

In view of all the trouble at Wrenge's about the "pigeon" she begs that Mrs. Jackson should see that there is a way-able for the "pigeon" or at least building. Triviere is the front if not of the buildings at least in consideration.

We have had no news since you left, that Mrs. Haines and Dr. Parmer will not report. Please tell Mrs. Haines that the Committee did not approve of the appointment of Miss Sybil Carter, or for the present of Mrs. Haines and her daughter.

The weather here is cool and pleasant. You must give us some letters the last moment before the lines are cast off for far off Alaska.

Kind regards to all our friends.

Yours truly,
H. Wendell.

Washington, D. C.
July, 18, 1904.

My dear Mrs. Haines:-

My heart goes out to you in greeting with much

intensely, as I am disappointed in seeing you and being with you on the Alaska expedition. Now that the weather is settled I find that I am much more disappointed than I thought I should be, and find it very difficult to give up hope.

The late adjournment of Congress, leaving Mr. James no time to attend to important private business left him in a position of business consequent of his fidelity to duty here greatly lessening his income and the absence of the West Coast Superintendent of the mission to School through the summer giving Mr. James a little anxiety about it, and a desire to give what assistance he can. In that position, however all existence in a decisive negative to his question "Can we not go over at the summer court?" Well the ever kind and loving Father was pleased to include in your letter, as he wanted you and did not want me. I am content and ready for any work he may have for me. I am delighted with your suggestion about Mrs. Carter. She is a very interested and capable, and will enjoy the high salary and expense of increased duties. She is the necessary link of supervision our schools, and reporting to me at the same time so that we may be able to know the exact condition of the work in our schools. Then she must carry on her mind the care of the whole and follow you. You must not have of very much, to have for you must supervise the whole plan recommended and have over this for rest.

I am very much pleased with Miss Loper's interest, and as much interest in the work, and as devoted a spirit as I have seen. If the Father had shown the same we should not have come to part with her. I shall be very anxious to see you when you return. For after your successful battle of work, we shall know the exact condition of our Alaska work when you return. I am wishing now that you could visit our work sometime else, but you will be loaded for rest after your tour through California.

May God richly bless you for your work in His ear and guide and speed you, along of your way, bringing you safely to us again in the Father's prayer of,

Yours most sincerely,

Mary H. James.

Wash. D. C.
July, 20, 1884.

Rev. Dr. Jackson,
New York,

My dear Sir -

Yours from Washington of several days since has duly received and in the pressure of office work has been somewhat out not forgotten. Thanks for your words of appreciation. New Mexico is to be the testing field between the absolute

of the Alaska Territory and first Government as known as
 local in the average independent organization, with some of
 them of the average question many political despots of
 the world in general. In the case of the hierarchy the change
 is from the old government to the new. In illustration you see
 the change in the case of the Government of the Territory of Alaska
 which will result in the change of the administration of the
 Territory. On the other hand another change will be
 the first one. This one better by appointing the most
 prominent person in the territory a school superintendent.

I am sure you are arranging for your visit to Alaska.
 I have to go. I called to your newly appointed Governor at
 the office of his office publication in print as to contribution
 to the U.S. Library.

Very truly,
 W. C. Smith

Washington, D. C.
 July, 22, 1894

Mr. William Jackson,
 Portland, Ore.

My dear Mr. Jackson: I have Alaska Steaming Co. Port-
 land, Ore. Secretary who advised that he cannot take up Alaska
 school question till tomorrow.

Yours truly,
 Commissioner of Education.

Sitka, Alaska.
 July, 22, 1894.

Dear Mr. Jackson:-

Your letter received today. Will do all that I can
 to have everything about the ferry in good order when the
 excursion arrives next month. I have everything at work and
 will keep him until you come. He finished repairing the ferry
 and there is some work to do. He has been very busy with the
 operations and has been very busy with the work. He has
 finished your lunch. He cut his foot very badly just as he
 had finished our work last night. He is sitting all night
 with him as we were afraid it would get to bleeding in the
 night. He seems quite comfortable today. He received our net
 and the iron water pipe and some blankets by this steamer.
 The shoes that were to have been in last steamer are not in
 this although Mr. Hall writes me that they were sent last
 month. Shall write him about the matter tonight. Shall have
 to buy some more for the men and are working in the woods.
 I have some logs for lumber on the beach and will have some

were before you arrive. I think if it is possible we ought to organize a church while christian friends from the east are here. It would increase the value of our work. The Lord is still with us, nearly every Sabbath some one from the Ranch desires to talk with me after the service. Linnie was married on July 24 did not expect to marry for several months but Mr. Ayres (her husband) finally concluded it would be better than to go east with the ship and return to do so. We shall need another teacher.

Am so tired and as I hope to see you soon I will close by sending love from all to you and yours.

Sincerely,
A. E. Austin.

Haines, Alaska.
July, 24, 1884.

Dr. Jackson,

Dear Brother:

As I hope to see you in a few days after you read this I will write you a line. Mail came in last night about 80 . I receive word from Washington that John H. McConnees of Mill Point, N.Y. has the contract for mail route No. 47101. I do not know what arrangements have been made. I asked the P. M. at Juneau to have the mail sent up in July and I would pay him \$25. Johnson brought it. I have charged the amount (\$25) to your account. If you are still to direct the mail and make any arrangements with Indians at Juneau, having it understood that he is working by the job for one man and that he can not run off on any side track unless ordered to do so. Johnson is continually giving trouble in that way. I had thought it would be better to hire some one else, but if there is to be no one else who will look after the man and see that he is started. I cannot say that a change will improve matters any Johnson is willing to run for \$200 but he will give trouble about the freight. I have given no directions concerning the Aug. mail as I do not know what to do. Please direct the P. M. at Juneau.

We are well so far. Miss Malcom is talking about taking a trip to Wrangell next month. Hoping to see you here at Haines shortly I will keep things until then.

Fraternally,
Eugene S. Willard.

Colville, Pa.
July 24, 1884.

Dear Doctor:-

I am writing you in regard to some of the tangible results of your visit with us. My expectations as to the influence which the Missionary interest among us would realize have been more than realized, nor effected by this one address than I think would have been effected by a year's preaching. I have a number to make up most of the address, and I write to tell you that our Sunday school will be responsible for the care of one of the girls in our Home school for one year (I do not expect they will limit the time to single year). They pledge themselves to raise our hundred dollars of which amount a church will be a part and our agent \$40 to the proper authorities before this letter gets far on its way to you. I have received a map from the Survey Dept. at Washington and am having it reproduced for the use of the Sunday School. The children are quite interested and are still waiting to hear from us about our new page 'age'. I think the Ladies Society will undertake to fill one of those rooms at a cost of \$1.00, and will probably hear from us in the fall.

I am now about leaving with my family to return on the first of Sept.

We all of us think of your visit here with great pleasure, I am very thankful for the Providence which brought you here on the Sabbath and Children's Day at that.

We will remember you and your work in our prayers, and hope to give you other help also.

Mrs. Fly and Miss Burr send you their kind remembrances. With sincere regard.

Your brother in Christ,
Geo. Wells Fly.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

Washington, D. C.,
July, 26, 1884.

My dear Mr. Jackson:-

I send you the enclosed clipping from this morning's Register, hoping that it may fall to reach you in time.

Very truly yours,
John Eaton.

Commissioner of Education.

The President has appointed John G. Brady, of Alaska; George P. Ilrie, of Pennsylvania, and Chester Seamer of California to be commissioners for the district of Alaska, to reside at Sitka, Wrangel and Ounalaska.

Stewart, Packing Co., Tongass Pass, Alaska,
July, 24, 1884.

Dr. Jackson,
Dear Brother:-

We started last Monday evening, and have reached this place on our way to Fort Simpson and mission and through the kindness of Mr. Campbell are stopping over night in his house. He is a Scotsman from Portland came up here for his health, has entirely recovered, has been on the Columbia & Nass River, " " for 7 years, speaks Chinook very fluently was raised a Methodist says he likes teaching and has a great desire to labor for the heathen, and says if he cannot get in with some society or denomination he is going to work for the Lord on his own hook. He gathers the children together on Sabbath to sing, has an organ up the house which he is sending for now, which he plays, and besides is a good singer. He is engaged by the Co. for packing, and is a carpenter by trade also builds shinglers. He will be through here in Sept. and expects to go to Portland unless something turns up. I told him I would introduce him to you, might be you could give him something to do, he is married to an Indian woman, and says he is not a good man, but wants to be. The people here speak well of him. He gives Revs. Crosby and Green as reference. Mr. Young promised the Tongass people 4 years ago a teacher, and they have been anxiously looking and waiting and won't take a teacher from Mr. Crosby's church and don't want Indian teachers. When they heard of our going they thought we were going to stay, and felt very sorry when we told them we were just on a visit. I think he could be gotten reasonably and could go occasionally to the Cape M. village. If these people don't get some person soon I think they will take some teacher from the Methodist church then the Presbyterians will lose them. They will help build a church and have part of the lumber now. He would be willing to undertake for carpenter work in Alaska. If you desire you can send him a letter by Parker by the next freight boat which expects to come into this place, address James M. Campbell, Tongass Pass, care of Stewart Packing Co., Alaska.

Yours truly,

John H. McFarland.

P. S. Mr. Stewart would rather be employed at present in some mechanical work at present, he also understands all about packing salting fish.

Yours sincerely,
Jackson, Alaska,
July, 24, 1884.

Dear Dr. Jackson:-

Yours of June 13th reached me July 22d. About the mail I wrote you some months ago that you might see in time. I saw no advertisements for bids nor any indications the route would be continued, took the risk of sending up the mail in July and will do so in August. Received notice by July mail as did Mr. V. that J. Voorhees of Mill Point, N.Y. had the contract of carrying this year for \$1000 which I presume is not new to you.

I suppose it is proper for me to go to Sitka in Sept. I have made two trips to Wrangel and incurred no small amount of expense and discomfort to small advantage and at a time when my people needs me, besides such improvements as are essential to the progress of our mission depend to a considerable extent on my physical effort.

As we may see you in a few days I will not write here now.

Respectfully,
J. Louis Gould.

Washed, Alaska, New York
Aug. 1, 1884.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson:-

My Dear Sir:-

On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Sept. 12, 13, and 14th we expect to have an Indian conference held here and it would give us great pleasure if you would add your company to it. Gen'l Armstrong of Hampton, Capt. Pratt of Carlisle, Dr. Rhodes, Mr. Welsh Consul, Price, Dr. Field, Dr. Palmer, Dr. Abbott, Senator James and Hawley and Dr. St. John are among those invited and we think you would enjoy it. All will be my guests and we shall try not only to make it a profitable one for the Indian but a pleasant one otherwise. As the first session will be at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning we think it would be better to come the day before.

Hoping to hear that you will be with us, believe me

Very truly yours,
Albert W. Smiley.

U. S. Flag Ship New Hampshire.
New York, N. Y.
Aug. 1, 1884.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

My dear Sir:-

Some time since I received a communication from the U. S. Commissioner of Education asking me to give my views as to the practicality of educating the youth of Alaska for a sea-faring life.

I am so strongly approving the idea. I write you now to state that it has occurred to me that I might like to be offered the position of Government Superintendent of Indian Instruction in Alaska, as this work is one in which I am much interested. I have had over five years experience now in training boys for the Navy and as to my adaptability for it reference could be made to Rear Admiral W. G. Luce, Capt. W. O. Mathews or Capt. A. W. Johnson. I speak of this to you thinking that your known interest in Alaska might cause the Commissioner to consult you on this subject.

Army officers as you are aware, are at the head of Indian schools and I know that the Navy Department would permit officers under its jurisdiction to do so.

Hoping that you are well, I remain

Truly yours,

W. H. Reynolds.

Red Bay, Alaska.
Aug. 9, 1894.

Dear Dr. Jackson:

I came over here in the mail canoe so that I might have a little talk with Mrs. Holmes and Mr. Phares. Some things were forgotten in the excitement and rush the day you were at Wrangell. There seems to be such bitter opposition in the minds of the Indians against the girls going to Sitka that you need not be surprised if we don't come next steamer. If I find the majority of the girls particularly the large ones are to be prevented from going I will not feel that it is my duty to go, at least for the present, though as you say I would think I was doing a great wrong to turn large girls out, knowing what would certainly be their fate. Mr. Young says to tell you to send Mr. Young to Sitka as soon as possible a day or two before the steamer, so I would not have their assistance.

Yours truly,

A. P. McFarland.

Bergert House,
Mackenzie River District,
Northwest Territory, Canada.
Aug. 18, 1894.

My dear Sir:

We are strangers to one another personally, yet I have heard of you from others and I have now an opportunity of writing out to you now, I thought I would send you a few lines in greeting.

I am a missionary of the London Missionary Society

of England, the first Society I believe which sent Missionaries to the Northern part of the great Continent. My house is at the above address, but I am writing this from Ft. Reliance on the upper Yukon, whither I have come in course of my trip among the Indians.

I have heard of you from miners who have come in; and though we belong to different commissions, yet I trust we are one in serving the one great Master in the noblest branch of his service, for such I esteem missionary work to be.

I understand that you work among the Chilcat, and from what I hear you must have a very difficult work indeed. The coast Indians all appear much more difficult than those in the interior. Yet I trust that you are realizing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord and that His Name is being glorified in the souls of many. For myself I feel that my privilege is very great. Everywhere I go the Indians receive the message of salvation gladly, indeed many of them seem to hunger and thirst after it. I have not been very long in this country and cannot speak the language by any means correctly, yet I manage to get along and hope to do better by and by. As you will see by its address I dwell on the English side of the line among the Indians on the St. Lawrence, but in the summer I visit the Indians on the Yukon.

Archdeacon McDonald my predecessor (now invalided home) labored here for 30 years and God has given him many souls in his ministry. He frequently visited Nyooklakeet, where the Indians are now outwardly christianized and many of them I trust changed also in heart and waking up to the light and life. This summer I was enabled to ascend the Tanana for about 200 miles, then returning went down to a short distance below Nyocleta, when I met the trading steamer which has brought me up to Ft. Reliance. Everywhere the work has been most encouraging. I trust a real heart change is going on among these people.

I am sorry to say however that we are likely to be invaded by Romish priests who I hear are coming in next year by the mouth of the river and intend to establish a mission school at St. Michael. I wish a protestant one could get head of them. I find I must draw to a close suddenly.

Trusting that your work may be richly blessed, I remain
Dear Sir

Yours most sincerely,
Vincent C. Sims.

Portland, Oregon.
Aug. 23, 1884.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.
Sitka, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of Aug. 11th duly to hand, asking for lumber, shingles and tarred paper. Without doubt you will be greatly disappointed that not a stick of lumber goes by this steamer. Capt. Carroll regrets exceedingly that his ship is not big enough to carry the freight offering. He says he had a talk with you about the lumber and fully expected then to take it out on arriving in S. F. He found the Idak partly loaded with 300 tons of a parts mill going to Juneau, and that, coupled with the fact that no goods were sent on the last steamer, thus giving two months requisitions on the merchants here makes it a difficult matter for him to take even the general merchandise, with taking a lot of lumber. He has telegraphed to San Francisco to have the Arctic ready for the October trip and will on that trip without any fail take your lumber. I have also received a telegram this morning ordering a medium size lumber wagon sent you; this cannot go this steamer for lack of freight room. We had a considerable part of your lumber and shingles on the wharf waiting for the steamer to come in knowing there would be a rush of freight. And hoping by being first on hand, to be first served, but we cannot help ourselves.

Yours respectfully,
Wendell A. Elliott.

Sept. 1894.

To the Presbytery of Alaska.

Your committee on the assignment of territory would respectfully submit the following report;

1. It is important that no tribe or settlement in S. F. Alaska should be left entirely without such supervision as will tend to its future education and enlightenment.

2. There should be such a partition of this section by the Presbytery as to prevent the neglect of any portion of it, or the conflict of interests on the part of the part of different missions.

Therefore your committee would recommend that the following assignment of territory be made and that each missionary in charge be instructed to visit the whole of his field if practicable and to otherwise endeavor to reach the people assigned to his care, and to report upon his whole field at each annual meeting of Presbytery.

1. The Missionary in charge of Valdez shall in addition to that town have oversight of the three villages on the Chilkoot River, the Chilkoot village and the two fishing settlements on Pyramid Harbor. He shall ascertain the condition of the inland tribes accessible from his station, and shall employ all means at his command for reaching them. And he shall also exercise supervision over the Auke Tribe so far as

he may deem expedient, not conflicting with the work of Rev. W. H. R. Corlies.

2. The missionary at Hoonah shall have charge of the villages of Cross Sound and Chitlagoff Island.

3. The head of the mission at Sitka shall in addition to that town have oversight of the several villages of the Hoonenecs and of the settlement at Killisnoe and he shall if practicable visit and report upon the Yakutat and tribes further to the Northwest.

4. The head of the mission at Fort Wrangel shall in addition to that town have supervision over the Tikes and Konyons, the mission at Tongass with the towns and fishing settlements in the region and by that tribe, and shall as far as practicable ascertain the number and condition of the inland tribes accessible from the Stikine River and employ all available means of reaching them.

5. The Missionary in charge at Jackson shall have charge of the various settlements in Prince of Wales Archipelago, with the exception of the fishing settlements of Red Bay and Salmon Bay.

We recommend that Rev. W. H. R. Corlies, independent Baptist be left in charge of the Tacco and Tashim villages and the inland tribes accessible from the Tacco River with such supervision over the town of Juneau as shall be agreed upon between him and the committee associated by this Presbytery.

Respectfully submitted,

S. Hall Young.

Eugene S. Willard.

Waverly, Md.

Sept. 3. 1894.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Sir:-

I wrote to you in the early summer to ask if you could give me the name of an Indian boy in the Sitka school with whom one of the boys of the mission band connected with the Boarding Am. Presbyterian school of Baltimore might correspond and you then told me to write to you at Alaska in about a month. I lend your letter to the teacher at whose request I wrote, thinking that he might attend to it, but in case he has not I now write to ask if not too late if you will kindly let us hear.

With kind regards and sympathy in your good work.

Very truly,

Alexina Crawford.

Roberts Chican, Alaska.
Sept. 4, 1884.

Mr. Sheldon Jackson,
Sir:-

Your favor of Aug. 21st with Bill of lumber enclosed was received yesterday afternoon at 3-o'clock.

A full cargo for the expected schooner is laying ready on the wharf, so that we will be able to begin sawing out your order, which amounts to about 125000 feet, on the 8th and promise to do it with all dispatch and although the mill is at present going well, we may meet with accidents which may cause a short delay, but hope to have your order ready when the schooner arrives from Sitka but probably it would be safer to notify you when we are certain of having your order finished in order to avoid a long stay of the schooner here. The price of the lumber on the wharf is \$12 per mill.

If you should wish any tongue and groove or rustic pick and send your order and it will promptly be attended to.

Mr. Gould has left our plan several days ago but will send the letter to Mrs McFarland by the first opportunity to Frangel.

In conclusion I beg to thank you for your kind comment to Mrs. Sprague and embrace the opportunity to express to you our united wishes for success in the cause you are laboring, and remain

Respectfully yours,

J. S. Sprague & Franklin.

San Juan Island, U.S.
Sept. 8, 1884.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.
My dear Sir:-

The above cheering item (speaking volumes for your great energy and christian enthusiasm) induces me to write you a few lines to say that I am reminded of your kind assurance, four years since to exert an endeavor to secure a bell for my needy mission. For our mission church on San Juan we have a bell, but will need one shortly for a mission building upon Lopez an adjacent island where we propose to commence the work of construction in the coming spring. A little church is so much needed there, as the people in, order to accommodate the congregations have frequently to remove the furniture from the room and even take down their beds. If we don't build there shortly the Methodists will take advantage and occupy the field.

The people of this island chiefly newly arrived emigrants are very poor, but will aid in the construction to the best of their ability. The Board of Church Erection will appropriate

a small sum, we have need of at least \$500 extra. Can you possibly raise a little for us dear brother? I trust you will be able to get the needed help we hope from you. God bless you and yours in your labor of love.

Very truly yours,
 ————
 Jackson

New Holmes, Iowa.
 Sept. 9, 1884.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

I have often thought of that Sunday morning in Aug. when we of the "Ancon" carrying away your daughter Mrs. J. on one week watching the dear girl through her tears while the stalwart Dr. was nowhere to be seen. I have often thought of you two since that day and wished the best things for your enterprise.

I encountered at Portland one representative of the new territorial government, the U. S. Dist. Attorney Mr. Jackson and Iowa man. I was sorry that he had so little appearance of being a man fitted for the discharge of such trusts as will be laid upon him by the large and sometimes restless people of Alaska. He seemed to me a small, unassuming and unfurnished man to a post which a strong and discriminating man should fill. It was evident that the moral tone of life would not be greatly elevated by his becoming a resident there. It is a pity, I am sorry for you because whatever help such a man may give you will be merely official and prudential, he will not help you with his heart.

I suppose you are driving on with your building operations. I hope your Forest Grove carpenter is proving competent. I should like to know whether such is the case or not.

The Ancon tied up at the Port Townsend dock at 10 o'clock Sunday morning, Aug. 17th in time for us to get ashore and go to church which we did. The Pres. church was closed unfortunately the pastor having gone to Victoria not knowing that an angel's visit was imminent. So we went mostly to the M. E. church, the pastor said he was not well and if any of the visiting brethren would come forward and preach he would be very glad of it. I tried to stir up Phraner to go but he wouldn't and the poor Brother had to go on. He did very well too.

The next day I went back to Victoria (The Ancon did not stop there) and bought some curios, three stone boxes among the rest, one for L., one for Ricknell and one for myself. They were nice but not cheap.

Most of the party scattered out from Portland directly. I remained over the Sabbath and preached for the first Presbyterian church as a supply. The next day started for home

and after a prosperous journey was permitted to take dinner with my family on the 30th of Aug. after a trip that will live in memory as a perpetual joy.

I am very glad to have had a chance to know you a little. We Conglits. had heard of you as a desperately active Presbyterian organizer in Colorado and beyond and I was not sure but the flame of denominational zeal might scorch but I did not feel it and the company was surely very pleasant.

As to the industrial school question. If our people take hold up there beyond you as you advise and desire (as I understand you) it seems to me great wisdom needs to be shown in the choice of industries to be taught and pursued. We could send a shoemaker but if the shoes they make already is better than any that a mechanic from the states could make! That represents what I mean. We must learn to adapt industries already there, to enlarge them, to introduce only such as are needed and can be made profitable.

Kind regards to Mrs. A., Miss Douglas and the rest of the workers there.

Fraternally,

A. L. Friscoe.

New York.

Sept. 12, 1881.

My dear Dr. Jackson:-

I have today paid a freight bill of \$13.24 which I have charged to your present account as Mr. Hill seemed to think it was a personal matter. If it is not right you know how to adjust the matter.

Our school account is about \$30,000 in debt and I have already borrowed all I am authorized to raise in this way. The school committee will meet on Monday next and I will see what they will let us do. Funds have been coming in very slowly for all accounts. I shall plead very hard for the amount you ask, if possible I will endeavor to send you \$1000 on Tuesday. I have had not had any vacation and am about sick today. Since December last a piece for a little needed rest have been shelved. Hope to make a break on the 24th for two weeks. How does my little order for fur progress?

Please remember me very kindly to each member of your family and to all the mission workers at Hicks. With many wishes and prayers for your success and happiness, I am

Very truly yours,
O. D. Eaton.

San Francisco, Cal.

Sept. 15, 1884.

The Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

Dear Brother:-

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that Bro. A and myself, who were sent by the S.P.G. of the Norwegian church to explore the Bristol Bay Division of Alaska, have returned thus far on our homeward way, after a very pleasant and satisfactory journey as far as Koludagash on the Yukon River.

Lack of time prevents me from giving you a complete account of our investigations, but I hope to do so at some future time.

I regretted very much that we could not return to San Francisco by way of Sitka, for I was anxious to see with my own eyes, the good work which you are doing. It is a noble work, Brother, a noble work, and one in which God's blessing is sure to rest.

I had the pleasure of listening to your lecture at Bethlehem, and know that you meet with many difficulties in your noble mission, so deeply rooted in the nature of the Indian. But let me bid you have courage, have courage. God's kingdom will be established!

Please excuse my short letter. We leave to-morrow for home.

I hope that this may be only the beginning of a brotherly correspondence between us.

Most sincerely yours,

William H. Weinland

Bethlehem.

Northumberland Co., Pa.

Haines, Alaska.

Sep. 24th, 1884.

Dear Friends:

The Rose came in a short time ago. All safe and sound as it found us. Mr. Willard is very busy with his freight and I take a moment to write for him to say that he sends in Mr. Eeren's care all the series that he can gather up. The pictures will require a little boxing and as the haste is great and the hands few we will have it ready for the mail steamer and send with Miss Rankin.

It would be both unnecessary and useless for me to try to tell you of anxiety and the utter relief I have experienced. The storm has been as frightful here with a severe shock of earthquake on the 7th of Sep. The work has gone on as well as I could make it.

The children and I have cleaned the premises of all building rubbish—logs piled, chips stored for winter kindlings, the grounds raked clean. I did part of the flooring of the kitchen and storeroom.

Gathered about 10 bags of feather moss and cleaned most of the building. Gathered grass for beds—made some bedsteads and chairs taken in two more bags, had services twice on Sabbath.

Doctoring almost every disease the Indian flesh is heir to,—calmed families, assisted miners,—made up the mail reports, securing

and dispatching the same, filled up the correspondence, tended babies, trained Indians, kept house and during the last ten days a boarder and entertained much of the time the terrible visitor neuralgia.

Many thanks for all kindnesses, very much love to all and so will we say come and see us when you can.

In haste and affectionately,
Gerrit M. Willard.

Salem, Oregon.
Sept. 29, 1884.

Dear Dr. Jackson:

I find it impossible to get a larger fan than the one I send, and as it only takes 2 in drive pipe I send you 400 ft discharge pipe with couplings etc. This will furnish you about 2000 gallons of water per day, and if not enough will send you another one of same caliber. The two will do far better than a single one and will not be likely to get out of order. As there is an apparatus for pitching pipe, it was pitched here. As to your stove, what is the fault? Is it in state or fine? It will burn coal without brick. G. & L. guaranteed it to satisfy.

Yours,
G. F. Hill.

Marion Pission,
Sept. 15, 1884.

Dr. Jackson,
Dear Sir:

We arrived Friday noon, found no Indians at home (one family came home yesterday) several families across the bay at their fishing place. Found the morning, 18 at service, P. School in P. M. For them to take us across to their fishing place had a service of song with about 30 of an audience, some dances came from other fishing places to attend service in the morning. Prayer meeting last night 11 of an attendance. They are very anxious for the Gospel and have been very kind, giving fish, berries and seem very glad that we have come.

Love to yourself and wife.
John W. McFarland.

Action of the Presbytery of Alaska, in Session at Sitka, Alaska, July 15, 1895, reaffirming the official account of the commencement of Presbyterian Missions in Alaska, as adopted by the Presbytery of Alaska in session at Sitka, Alaska, September 15, 1884.

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Attention having been called to an article published in "The North and West" of June 20, 1895, by Rev. W. S. Holt entitled "Authentic History of Alaskan Missions" the Presbytery of Alaska desire to reply that the said article is misleading and one-sided.

That while acknowledging the interest which Dr. A. L. Lindsley took in the establishment of Missions in Alaska, they do not recognize him as the "founder of the Alaska Mission" as claimed by Mr. Holt.

Dr. Lindsley was but one of several gentlemen working at the same problem at the same time. And the Christian public is right in considering that the one who first commenced active work, and continuously pushed it until the present time is our co-presbyter Dr. Sheldon Jackson.

It is conceded that if the facts of a man's life are wanted, that the man himself is the best authority as to those facts.

Having this in mind the Presbytery of Alaska at its first meeting September 15, 1884, prepared and adopted after full and careful consideration an official statement of the rise and progress of the present work of the Presbyterian Church in Alaska.

The history was prepared while all the first Missionaries were still in Alaska except Rev. Geo. W. Lyon, who was only here a few Months. And every minister present at Presbytery except one, and he, upon his return home, signified his approval of the paper.

More than that the Historical Statement was submitted to such of the lady missionaries as were present and had taken an active part in making the history.

This historical statement prepared by the pioneers of the Presbytery at a time when they were all present and the work was still fresh in their memories, is as follows: (see printed historical statement entitled "The Presbyterian Church in Alaska; an Official sketch of its Rise and Progress, 1877-1884, with the Minutes of the First Meeting of the Presbytery of Alaska, Sheld Jackson, D. D., Stated Clerk, Press of Thomas McGill & Co., 110 E street, Washington, D. C., 1886."

Done in Presbytery in session at Sitka, Alaska, this 15th of July, 1895.

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1886.

HISTORICAL STATEMENT.

An Official Sketch of the Rise and Progress of the Presbyterian Church in Alaska from 1877 to 1884, Adopted by the Presbytery of Alaska in Session at Sitka, Alaska, September 15th, 1884.†*

On the 18th of October, 1867, Alaska was formally surrendered by Russia to the United States, and the call of God's providence came to the American churches to enter in and possess the land for Christ.

The response to that call was very slow, and for the first ten years only a few spasmodic efforts were made by individuals either to commence the work or arouse public sentiment to its claims.

Among others, the Rev. E. D. Saunders, D. D., of the Board of Domestic Missions of the Presbyterian Church (O. S.), soon after the purchase, offered a resolution in that Board, that they send a missionary to Alaska.

About the same time a similar proposition was discussed by the Committee of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church (N. S.)

At different times from 1867 to 1877 the Rev. George H. Atkinson, D. D., Superintendent of Congregational Missions in the Northwest, urged the Mission Board of his denomination to undertake the work.

Major General O. O. Howard, U. S. A., in command of the Military Department covering Alaska, again and again pressed the religious needs of that section upon the attention of the country through the religious newspapers.

Mr. Vincent Colyer, Secretary of the Board of Indian Commissioners, made a special visit to Alaska in 1869, and upon his return sought to awaken the public interest. He so far succeeded that Congress, in its session of 1870 and 1871, appropriated \$50,000 for education in Alaska. But no one was found to administer the fund, and it was not used.

During 1875 and 1876 Rev. Thomas Crosby, of the Wesleyan Church of Canada, stationed at Port Simpson, B. C., was in active correspondence with the Board of Missions of his own church, with the missionary society of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the United States, and with one of the Presbyterian Churches of Canada, pleading with them to secure missionaries for Alaska.

In 1877 Rev. A. L. Lindsley, D. D., was in correspondence with the Pres-

* See page 13.

† Every member of the Presbytery of Alaska, except Rev. John G. Brady, was present at the meeting. Upon his return to Sitka Mr. Brady, having read the historical statement, wrote a letter to the stated clerk expressing his approval, and stating that, had he been present, he would have voted for its adoption.

The report, before it was given to the Presbytery, was submitted to Mrs. A. R. McFarland, and her suggestions and corrections were embodied into it. It is thus the joint action of all the pioneers in the Alaska Mission work, and at a time when the work was still fresh in their memories.—*Stated Clerk.*

byterian Board of Foreign Missions with reference to their undertaking the work.

In the Spring of that year, through Major General Howard, U. S. A., he secured the position of paymaster's clerk in the U. S. Army for Mr. John C. Mallory, (who was passing through Portland in search of health and a position), and had him sent north to ascertain and report the condition of affairs. Mr. Mallory was, however, so far gone with consumption that he was confined to his bed much of the three or four weeks that he was at Fort Wrangell.

Christian women, wives of officers of the Army, Government officials and civilians stationed in Alaska, were continually writing their friends concerning the need of missionaries. Some of them during their stay at Sitka carried on a day and Sabbath school.

But these appeals to the mission boards were in vain, and the efforts of individuals were short-lived and finally abandoned.

No permanent missions were established or adequate provision made until Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D., entered the field in 1877.

He had for nineteen years been engaged in pioneer mission work west of the Mississippi River and in the Rocky Mountain Territories, from British America to Old Mexico. During the latter portion of that time his thoughts often went out towards Alaska. In the winter of 1875, and again in 1876, he wrote to the Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church, urging the commencement of a mission in Alaska.

While his sympathies were growing, events were transpiring in Alaska itself that were destined to quicken those sympathies into action.

In the Spring of 1876 Clah (Philip McKay), Sugah-na-te, (his brother), Ta-lik, John Ryan, Lewis Ween, Andrew Moss, Peter Pollard, George Pemberton, and James Ross, Tsimpsean Indians, went from Port Simpson to Fort Wrangell to obtain work. They secured a contract to cut wood for the Government.

On Sabbath, as was their custom, they met together for worship.

They found a protector and warm personal friend in Capt. S. P. Jocelyn, of the 21st U. S. Infantry, who was then in command at that station.

In September of that year Rev. Thomas Crosby visited Fort Wrangell, and encouraged Clah to remain during the winter, teaching and preaching as he had opportunity. About \$100 in money and blankets were subscribed by the natives towards a church building. During the winter there was so much religious interest and such a marked change in the lives of some of the natives that Mr. J. S. Brown, connected with the military, wrote a letter to Maj. Gen. Howard, asking that some church might be persuaded to send a missionary to Fort Wrangell.

This letter was placed in Dr. Jackson's hands at the General Assembly of 1877 at Chicago.

He immediately published it in the Chicago *Daily Tribune*, and soon after in the leading Presbyterian newspapers of the country. The original letter he forwarded to the Board of Home Missions, with an urgent request that they send a missionary to Alaska. The Board responded favorably, and at its first meeting after the reception of the letter appointed, early in June, the Rev. Francis H. Robinson as missionary to Alaska. But before the Commission reached him he had accepted an invitation to a church in California. At the close of the General Assembly Dr. Jackson was sent by the secretaries of the Board of Home Missions on a special mission through Idaho, Eastern Oregon, and Eastern Washington Territory. Arriving at Walla-Walla, he found the whole region agitated by the outbreak of Chief Joseph's Band of Nez Perce, and, on that account, mission work impossible. This enabled him to extend his mission trip to Alaska.

At Portland he found awaiting his arrival Mrs. A. R. McFarland, who had been in former years with her husband, associated with him in mission work in New Mexico.

Mrs. McFarland applied to Dr. Jackson for some mission work, and expressed a willingness to accompany him to Alaska. Mr. Mallory having returned with good accounts of an open door at Fort Wrangell, it was arranged between them that she should accompany him to Alaska and remain at Fort Wrangell as teacher.

At noon on the 10th of August, 1877, Dr. Jackson and Mrs. McFarland reached Fort Wrangell and commenced Presbyterian missions in Alaska.

Leaving Mrs. McFarland in charge of the missions, with Clah as her assistant and Mrs. Sarah Dickinson as interpreter, Dr. Jackson returned to the East to arouse the church and secure missionaries and money.

To secure the money he published a lengthy series of articles on Alaska in the Presbyterian newspapers and made public addresses in nearly all the leading cities of the country. His public addresses in cities and villages, at General Assemblies, Synods, and Presbyteries, at missionary and educational conventions, from October, 1877, to June, 1884, numbered over nine hundred.

These articles and addresses, together with the deeply-interesting letters of Mrs. McFarland in the *Rocky Mountain Presbyterian*, resulted in securing, between October, 1877, and December, 1879, special funds aggregating over \$12,000, which enabled the Board of Home Missions to erect the buildings for the McFarland Home at Fort Wrangell and largely pay the salaries of the missionaries without drawing upon their general mission funds.

The addresses, together with personal letters, also enabled Dr. Jackson to raise the funds by which he erected in 1881 the Mission buildings at Haines and Boyd at an expense of about \$1500 each; the Boys' Dormitory at Sitka in 1882 at an expense of about \$7000, and the Central Mission building at Sitka in 1884 at an expense of about \$10,000.

They also created so much public interest that he was able to go to Congress and secure in the spring of 1884 \$15,000 for industrial schools and \$25,000 for general education in, as well as to greatly assist in securing a government for, the District of Alaska.

FORT WRANGELL.

To return to Fort Wrangell, Mrs. McFarland, upon the departure of Dr. Jackson, set herself with rare consecration and wisdom to the organization of the Mission.

On the 28th of August she opened school with about 30 pupils. On the 1st of October she opened a sewing-school for women and girls, in which moral and religious instruction were judiciously combined with sewing lessons.

On the 15th of October Clah, her assistant and preacher, had a hemorrhage of the lungs, and was never again able to take part in the public services of the sanctuary. On the 28th of December he fell asleep in Jesus, and loving hands bore his body to Port Simpson, where it rests in the Mission Cemetery.

On February 3d, 1878, at a convention held by the Natives, Mrs. McFarland was elected the presiding officer. This convention resulted in the appointment of a native police force that rendered valuable service in preserving order.

Early in her work Mrs. McFarland felt the need of a building into which

she could gather the girls in danger of being sold by their own parents, or enticed and ruined by the more vicious element among the whites.

The conviction so grew upon her that her letters became full of it, and she never ceased to press it until the Home was established October 12th, 1878, in the building formerly used as a military hospital. The School was named by admiring friends "The McFarland Home."

To secure a suitable building for the new Home Dr. Jackson and Mrs. Julia McNair Wright wrote a series of articles to the newspapers asking from Christian people a Christmas gift for the building. The gifts flowed in, and the Home was erected in 1879 and 1880.

On March 15th, 1878, Rev. John G. Brady arrived at Fort Wrangell, and on the 24th of the same month celebrated the first Christian marriage among the Alaskans. He remained a month at Wrangell, then passed on to establish the Mission at Sitka.

On the 8th of August, 1878, Rev. S. Hall Young arrived and took charge of the work at Fort Wrangell with earnestness and vigor.

On the 23d of June, 1879, Rev. W. H. R. Corlies and family reached Fort Wrangell as independent missionaries to Alaska, and for about three years remained at Wrangell, acting as medical missionary and general assistant at that station. In June, 1882, he opened an independent mission among the Takoo.

On July 14th, 1879, Miss Maggie J. Dunbar arrived as principal teacher at Fort Wrangell.

A notable event in the history of the Mission was the visit in July and August, 1879, of Rev. Henry Kendall, D.D., Senior Secretary of the Board of Home Missions, and his wife, Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D., and wife, and Rev. A. L. Lindsley, D.D., and wife.

The presence of the visiting ministers made it a suitable time to organize the Christian Natives into a church. Consequently, on August 3d, 1879, a church of eighteen Native and five white communicants was organized by Rev. S. Hall Young, the missionary, assisted by Rev. Messrs. Kendall, Jackson, Lindsley, and Corlies.

October 5th the congregation occupied for the first time their new church building, towards the erection of which about \$500 had been raised by Rev. A. L. Lindsley, D.D., from friends in Portland.

The year 1880 opened with the Mission in mourning at the loss of Toy-a-att and Moses, two of the leading Christian Natives, who were shot dead in troubles which arose from the introduction of Hoochinoo into their village by members of another tribe.

On the 8th of August, 1880, the McFarland Home entered their new building with religious services, an appropriate address being delivered by Rev. S. Hall Young.

In October, 1881, Mrs. S. Hall Young published in "Presbyterian Home Missions" an appeal for funds for a hospital.

On March 13th, 1882, Rev. John W. McFarland joined the station as medical missionary and teacher of the boys' department of the day school.

On September 11th, 1882, Miss Kate A. Rankin reached Fort Wrangell, as assistant to Mrs. A. R. McFarland.

February 9th, 1883, the McFarland Home building was burned to the ground, and the school returned to the old military hospital.

In September, 1884, Mrs. A. R. McFarland and her school were removed to Sitka.

The early history of this Mission, with its trials and triumphs, hopes and fears, is fully portrayed in the letters of Mrs. A. R. McFarland and Rev. S. Hall Young, published in "Jackson's Alaska and Missions on the North Pacific Coast."

SITKA.

April 11th, 1878, Rev. John G. Brady and Miss Fannie Kellogg reached Sitka and opened the Presbyterian Mission. The following December Miss Kellogg was married to Rev. S. Hall Young, and removed to Fort Wrangell. The school she had opened was discontinued.

On the 25th of March, 1880, Miss Olinda A. Austin reached Sitka, and opened school April 5th, in one of the rooms of the guard-house, with 103 pupils present.

In July the school was removed to the old hospital building, which had been kindly cleaned up for the purpose by Commander Beardslee, U. S. N.

In November a few boys applied for permission to live at the school, and an Industrial Boarding Department was established, being greatly assisted by Commander Henry Glass, U. S. N.

The school was afterwards named by the missionaries "The Sheldon Jackson Institute."

May, 1880, the Rev. John G. Brady having resigned his connection with the Mission, the Rev. G. W. Lyon and wife arrived, remaining one year.

March 25th, 1881, Mr. Alonzo E. Austin, and November 22d, Mrs. A. E. Austin were commissioned for the Sitka school.

On the 24th of January, 1882, the old hospital building burned to the ground, and on the 12th of September, Dr. Jackson commenced a new building, on ground presented the Mission by Rev. John G. Brady. The new Mission building was occupied the following winter.

In the summer of 1882, Mr. Walter B. Styles and wife were transferred from the Hoonyah Mission to Sitka.

In December, 1882, a girls' department was added to the "Sheldon Jackson Institute."

During the winter and spring of 1884, through the blessing of the Holy Spirit on the earnest labors of Mr. Austin and family, a precious revival occurred, in which some fifty were brought to Christ—among them being nearly all the older pupils in the boarding department of the school.

The same spring Dr. Jackson secured from Congress an appropriation of \$15,000 for the enlargement of the industrial department of the Sitka school.

On the 12th of August, 1884, the Sitka Mission was re-enforced by the arrival of Dr. and Mrs. Sheldon Jackson and Miss Margaret Dauphin.

The erection of a laundry and bakery, 25 x 35 feet in size, and of a central building, 130 x 50 feet in size, was commenced.

September 7th, 1884, the First Presbyterian Church of Sitka was organized by Dr. Jackson, assisted by Rev. E. S. Willard and Mr. Alonzo E. Austin, with forty-four Native and five white communicants. Mr. Alonzo E. Austin was elected and ordained Ruling Elder.

September 14th, 1884, the boarding school for girls at Fort Wrangell having been transferred by the Board of Home Missions from there to Sitka, Mrs. A. R. McFarland arrived with twenty-four girls.

HAINES.

Almost from the first commencement of the work in Alaska a Mission to the Chilcats was in contemplation. In the fall of 1879, Rev. S. Hall Young visited one of their lower villages, and in 1880 visited all of them. Upon his return he recommended the establishment of a Mission among them.

In the winter of 1879 and '80, Dr. Jackson raised from personal friends over \$500 towards the establishment of a Mission at Kadiak.

The needs of the Chilcat Mission became so pressing that in 1880 he paid the money to the Board of Home Missions for the commencement of work among the Chilcats. And in August, 1880, Mrs. Sarah Dickinson was selected by Mr. Young and commissioned by the Board of Missions as teacher among the Chilcats.

The Mission, however, was not permanently located until July 20th, 1881, when Rev. Eugene S. Willard and family arrived at Portage Bay and commenced work. He was accompanied by Dr. Jackson and Rev. W. H. R. Corlies. A site was selected and a Mission house erected by Dr. Jackson. The station was named Haines, after the secretary of the Woman's Executive Committee of Home Missions.

February 4th, 1882, Dr. Jackson secured from the General Post Office Department, Washington, D. C., the establishment of a post office at Haines. The carrying of the mail commenced with July, 1883.

In the summer of 1882, Miss Bessie L. Matthews was added to the Mission force.

During 1883 an industrial department was added to the Mission at Haines, and in 1884 a commodious log house was erected by Mr. Willard from funds contributed by their friends in response to the appeals of Mrs. Willard.

Rev. Mr. Willard had charge of all the Chilcat and Chilcoot villages, and endured with his family many hardships and privations.

A complete history of their work from 1881 to 1884 may be found in the volume entitled "Life in Alaska," by Mrs. Willard.

WILLARD.

This village was visited by Rev. S. Hall Young in 1880, and by Rev. Sheldon Jackson and Rev. Eugene S. Willard in July, 1881, at which time Mr. Willard commenced regular work among its inhabitants.

In 1882 Louis and Tillie Paul, native converts, kept a school and erected a Mission building.

BOYD.

In June, 1878, Rev. John G. Brady, missionary at Sitka, made a missionary trip to the Hoonyah villages, and called the attention of the Board of Missions to the desirability of establishing a Mission among them.

In October, 1879, Rev. S. Hall Young visited the principal Hoonyah village and recommended it as a Mission station.

The Mission was established by Dr. Jackson, August 5th, 1881, and named Boyd, after the treasurer of the Woman's Executive Committee of Home Missions.

He left lumber and carpenters for the erection of a house, and placed Mr. and Mrs. Walter B. Styles in charge of the station. They opened school November 7th with sixty pupils. The following December they were commissioned by the Board of Home Missions. In 1882 they were transferred to Sitka, and the station remained vacant until the fall of 1883, when Mr. James E. Chapman was commissioned as teacher for six months.

In the summer of 1884 Rev. and Mrs. J. W. McFarland were transferred from Fort Wrangell to Boyd.

JACKSON.

During April, 1880, Rev. S. Hall Young and Rev. G. W. Lyon made a canoe trip around the Prince of Wales Archipelago, visiting and preaching in the Hydah villages. The Mission, however, was not established until

August 22d, 1881, when Dr. Jackson, accompanied by Rev. W. H. R. Corlies and Mr. James E. Chapman, visited their villages and located the station at Howcan.

Mr. Chapman was placed in charge and named the station Jackson. Mr. Chapman opened school September 12th.

February 4th, 1882, the new station was created a post office. In May, 1882, Rev. J. Loomis Gould arrived and took charge of the Mission, and was soon after joined by his family.

September 10th, 1882, Miss Clara A. Gould arrived as teacher, and a small saw mill, purchased with funds raised by Mrs. James M. Ham and Dr. Jackson, was landed.

July, 1883, the first regular mail service was commenced by canoe from Jackson to Wrangell.

The same season Rev. R. W. Hill and Mr. W. Donald McLeod reached Jackson and commenced the erection of the saw mill.

ECCLESIASTICAL JURISDICTION.

Upon examination of the records, it is found that the General Assembly of 1870, in the reconstruction of the Synods (Minutes of General Assembly of 1870, page 97) constituted the Synod of the Pacific "to consist of the Presbyteries and parts of Presbyteries west of the Rocky Mountains." This may or may not have included Alaska. If it did, then Alaska was made a part of the Synod of the Pacific.

The General Assembly, in session at Brooklyn, New York, May 30th, 1876, took the following action :

Overture No. 6, from the Presbytery of Oregon, asking the General Assembly to erect a Synod on the territory now embraced within the bounds of said Presbytery, as herein described, under the name of the Synod of the Columbia, with the following Presbyteries, viz. :

1st. The Presbytery of Oregon, which shall be defined as within that part of the State of Oregon situated between the Columbia River on the north and a line beginning at the southwest corner of Benton County, and running along the south line of said county to the southeast corner, thence along the east line to the southwest corner of Linn County, thence along the south line of said county to the summit of the Cascade Mountains, also the counties of Wasco, Umatilla, Union, Grant and Baker, in eastern Oregon, together with the Territory of Idaho. * * *

2d. The Presbytery of Puget Sound to be reorganized under the same name. * * This Presbytery to include all the Territory of Washington. * * *

3d. The Presbytery of South Oregon to be constituted and to include all of the rest of the State of Oregon not heretofore described. * * —*Minutes of General Assembly of 1876, page 75.*

In this action the boundaries of the Synod of the Columbia are distinctly given, and Alaska is not included.

But it has been asserted that although Alaska is not included in the printed minutes of the General Assembly, that it was included in the original written paper which passed the Assembly.

To ascertain the truth of this Dr. Jackson addressed the following letter to Rev. Edwin F. Hatfield, D. D., the stated clerk of the Assembly, and the custodian of all its papers, written or printed :

"NEW YORK, June 6th, 1881.

"REV. EDWIN F. HATFIELD, D. D.,

Stated Clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.

"DEAR BROTHER: Do the records of the Assembly or papers in your possession

show that Alaska was incorporated in or made a portion of the Synod of the Columbia by the General Assembly of 1876?

"Truly yours,

SHELDON JACKSON."

To the above Dr. Hatfield wrote :

"I have not discovered anything of the kind.

ED. F. HATFIELD."

In 1880 Rev. S. Hall Young and Rev. G. W. Lyon petitioned the General Assembly in session at Madison, Wis., to create the Presbytery of Alaska. This petition was joined in by Dr. Jackson. As there was not a sufficient number of ministers resident in Alaska to enable the Assembly to create a Presbytery, Rev. Dr. Jackson asked the Committee on Church Polity to recommend that Alaska be attached to the Presbytery of Puget Sound as the nearest Presbytery, and Rev. Dr. Lindsley asked that it might be connected with the Presbytery of Oregon.

The committee recommended as follows :

"*Overture No. 6* is a memorial from S. Hall Young, George W. Lyon and Sheldon Jackson, requesting that the General Assembly organize the Presbytery of Alaska to include all the Territory of Alaska ; or, if this cannot be done, to place the ministers in Alaska in connection with the Presbytery of Puget Sound. The Committee recommend that for the present no action be taken in these matters."—*Minutes of General Assembly, 1880, page 44.*

On the 11th of May, 1881, the Presbytery of Oregon overtured the General Assembly at Buffalo, N. Y., to define the ecclesiastical relations of Alaska, laying claim to the jurisdiction, to which the General Assembly made the following response :

"That the Territory of Alaska be *attached* to the Synod of the Columbia, who shall take orders in relation to the Presbyterial connection of its ministers and churches."—*Minutes of General Assembly, 1881, page 590.*

This shows that the General Assembly did not consider Alaska as already belonging to the Synod, but as unorganized territory ; therefore, by its own power, the Assembly attached it to the Synod.

Alaska having been attached to the Synod of the Columbia by the General Assembly of 1881, and a sufficient number of ministers having moved into it to constitute a Presbytery, the General Assembly of 1883, in session at Saratoga Springs, N. Y., May 25th, in response to the petitions of all the ministers in Alaska and an overture from the Presbytery of Oregon, created the Presbytery of Alaska.

PRESBYTERY OF ALASKA.

MINUTES OF THE FIRST MEETING.

The Presbytery of Alaska met at the Mission House, Sitka, September 14th, 1884, at 10 o'clock A. M., pursuant to the following action of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, in session at Saratoga Springs, May 25th, 1883:

"*Overture No. 19*, from the Presbytery of Oregon, asking that ministers John G. Brady, of Sitka; S. Hall Young, of Fort Wrangell; Eugene S. Willard, of Haines; John W. McFarland, of Fort Wrangell, and J. Loomis Gould, of Jackson, be set apart as the Presbytery of Alaska.

"Your committee recommend that the request be granted, and that the above-named ministers are hereby directed to meet at Sitka, Alaska, on the second Tuesday of September next, or as soon thereafter as may be practicable, to perfect the organization of said Presbytery; that the Rev. John G. Brady be appointed Convener; that the boundaries of the Presbytery be coterminous with the Territory of Alaska, and that the Presbytery of Alaska be attached to the Synod of the Columbia.

"The recommendation of the committee was adopted."—*Minutes of General Assembly of 1883, page 631.*

In the absence of Rev. John G. Brady, Convener, Rev. S. Hall Young was elected Moderator, and constituted Presbytery with prayer.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson was elected temporary clerk.

The roll was made out, and is as follows: Rev. S. Hall Young, Rev. Eugene S. Willard, Rev. J. Loomis Gould, and Rev. John W. McFarland.

Absent.—Rev. John G. Brady.

Unrepresented.—Church at Fort Wrangell.

The Rev. Sheldon Jackson presented a certificate of dismissal and recommendation from the Presbytery of Santa Fé, and requested that he may be received as a member of this Presbytery.

The certificate being found in order, Rev. Sheldon Jackson was received and enrolled.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson introduced to Presbytery Mr. Alonzo E. Austin, a ruling Elder in the Church at Sitka, and recommended him as a suitable person to be taken on trials as a candidate for licensure.

The Presbytery proceeded to examine Mr. Austin respecting his experimental acquaintance with religion, and the motives which influence him to desire the sacred office.

The examination having proved satisfactory to the Presbytery, it was sustained, and Mr. Austin was taken on trials as a candidate for licensure.

The Moderator was appointed a committee to assign Mr. Austin his trial pieces.

The Moderator reported recommending that Mr. Austin preach a popular sermon at 11 o'clock A. M. from Matthew 15:25, and that, in the absence of Mr. Brady, who was appointed to preach the opening sermon, the popular sermon shall be considered the opening sermon of Presbytery.

The report was adopted.

Presbytery took a recess until 11 o'clock.

After the recess Presbytery met in the school room of the Mission, and listened to a popular sermon by Mr. Alonzo E. Austin.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock in Mr. Jackson's study.

Concluded with prayer.

MONDAY, September 15th, 1884.

Presbytery met pursuant to its adjournment, and was opened with prayer by Rev. E. S. Willard.

The roll was then called.

The minutes of the proceedings of yesterday were read and approved.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson reported the organization, on the 7th of September, 1884, of

the First Presbyterian Church of Sitka with forty-nine members; of whom four were received on certificates from other churches and forty-five on the profession of their faith; and that Alonzo E. Austin was elected and ordained Ruling Elder, and is now present as the representative of the session, and requested that the church be taken under the care of the Presbytery and Mr. Austin be received as its representative.

The request was granted.

The next stated meeting of the Presbytery was appointed to be holden in the Presbyterian Church in Fort Wrangell on the fourth Thursday of June, 1885.

The Moderator was appointed a committee to invite the attendance of those engaged in neighboring missions.

Rev. E. S. Willard and Rev. S. Hall Young were appointed a committee to apportion the several tribes of Southeastern Alaska to the several missionaries.

Reverends Gould, Willard, Jackson, and Young were appointed a committee to draft a paper to present to the Government officials concerning the treatment of the natives by the Government.

Reverends Jackson and Gould and Elder Austin were appointed a committee to prepare an historical statement as a preface to the Minutes of Presbytery.

The following persons were recommended to the Board of Home Missions for appointment, the sums set opposite their names being selected by ballot:

TEACHERS.

Miss Annie Glen, Fort Wrangell.....	\$500 and travelling expenses.
Miss Bessie L. Matthews, Haines.....	500
Mrs. Eugene S. Willard, Haines.....	300
Mrs. Alonzo E. Austin, Sitka... ..	300
Mr. A. J. Davis, Sitka.....	1,200
Mrs. A. J. Davis, Sitka.....	300
Mrs. A. R. McFarland, Sitka.....	800
Miss Kate A. Rankin, Sitka.....	500
Miss Margaret Dauphin, Sitka.....	500
Mrs. J. L. Gould, Jackson.....	300
Miss Clara A. Gould, Jackson.....	500
Mr. W. Donald McLeod, Jackson, at his present salary, provided it does not exceed \$1,000.	

MINISTERS.

Rev. S. Hall Young, Fort Wrangell.....	\$1,200
Rev. Eugene S. Willard, Haines.....	1,200
Rev. J. Loomis Gould, Jackson.....	1,200
Rev. Sheldon Jackson as Presbyterial Missionary, with a salary of \$1,500.	

Rev. S. Hall Young reported from the Committee of Apportionment the following paper, which was adopted:

Your Committee on the Assignment of Territory would respectfully submit the following report:

1st. It is important that no tribe or settlement in Southeast Alaska should be left entirely without such supervision as will tend to its future education and enlightenment.

2d. There should be such a partition of this section of Presbytery as to prevent the neglect of any portion of it or the conflict of interests on the part of different missions.

Therefore your committee would recommend that the following assignment of territory be made, and that each missionary in charge be instructed to visit the whole of his field if practicable and to otherwise endeavor to reach the people assigned to his care, and to report upon his whole field at each annual meeting of Presbytery:

1st. The Missionary in charge at Haines shall, in addition to that town, have the oversight of the three villages on the Chilcat river, the Chilcoot village, and the two fishing settlements on Pyramid Harbor. He shall ascertain the condition of the inland tribes accessible from his station, and shall employ all means at his command for reaching them. And he shall also exercise supervision over the Auke tribe so far as he may deem expedient, not conflicting with the work of Rev. W. R. H. Corlies.

2d. The Missionary at Hoonyah shall have charge of the villages of Cross Sound and Chitichagoff Island.

3d. The head of the mission at Sitka shall, in addition to that town, have oversight of the several villages of the Hoochinoos and of the settlement at Killisnoo. And he shall, if practicable, visit and report upon the Yakutat and tribes further to the northwest.

4th. The head of the mission at Fort Wrangell shall, in addition to that town, have supervision over the Kakes and Kouyous, the mission at Tongass, with the towns and fishing settlements in the region inhabited by that tribe; and shall, as far as practicable, ascertain the number and condition of the inland tribes accessible from the Stickeen river, and employ all available means for reaching them.

5th. The Missionary in charge at Jackson shall have charge of the various settlements in the Prince of Wales Archipelago, with the exception of the fishing settlements of Red Bay and Salmon Bay.

We recommend that Rev. W. H. R. Corlies, Independent Baptist, be left in charge of the Takoo and Sundum villages, and the inland tribes accessible from the Takoo river, with such supervision over the town of Juneau as shall be agreed upon between him and the committee appointed by this Presbytery.

The Board of Home Missions was recommended to appoint without delay a man and his wife as assistants to Mr. Willard at Haines.

It was further recommended to the Board of Home Missions to appoint one teacher in the schools in this Presbytery for every fifty pupils, and an additional teacher for every additional fifty pupils or one-tenth thereof; the apportionment to be based on the average attendance of the winter months.

The Board of Home Missions was requested to allow those in charge of schools, as far as practicable, the selection of their own subordinates.

The Board of Home Missions was urged to establish as soon as possible a Mission Station at Killisnoo, and another among the Hanegas, with a man and his wife in charge of each.

Moved and carried that the Board of Home Missions be recommended to provide money, not to exceed two hundred dollars, for the erection and completion of a church among the Tongass Indians, in case it is found expedient; the money to be expended under the direction and upon the responsibility of Rev. S. Hall Young.

Rev. E. S. Willard was appointed a committee to adjust, with Rev. Mr. Corlies, the mission work at Juneau and adjacent mining camps.

Rev. S. Hall Young was appointed a committee to visit at an early period the Cape Fox and Fort Tongass Natives, and urge them to unite in one school; also to start Louis and Tillie Paul in their school work among those people, to whom they are already commissioned.

Upon motion Presbytery proceeded to examine Mr. Alonzo E. Austin as a candidate for the ministry.

It was moved and carried that the usual examination in the classics and the popular lecture be dispensed with.

The Moderator was appointed a committee to examine the candidate in theology and church government; Rev. E. S. Willard a committee to examine him on the sacraments, and Rev. J. L. Gould a committee to examine him on ecclesiastical history.

The examination in each of these parts being sustained, and a popular sermon having been delivered by direction of the Presbytery before the congregation, the final vote was taken, and it was

Resolved, That the Presbytery having been satisfied with the several parts of trial of the candidate, will now proceed to license him to preach the Gospel as a probationer for the holy ministry.

The candidate was then licensed in the manner and form prescribed in the "Form of Government," chapter 14, sections 7 and 8.

It being expedient that the Presbytery should ordain Mr. Austin as an Evangelist,*

* Rev. Alonzo E. Austin united with the Broadway Tabernacle Church, New York City, on profession of his faith, in 1855, when 18 years of age.

In 1860 he was dismissed to unite with Camp Chapel Church, New York City, where he was made deacon.

Camp Chapel was organized by a Congregational Council, and was the fruit of the labors of Rev. Mr. Camp, for thirty years City Missionary in the Sixth Ward, New York.

Upon the death of Rev. Mr. Camp, in 1864, Mr. Austin was invited by the congregation to supply the pulpit. His services were so acceptable to the congregation that in 1865 they made out a regular call for him to be ordained and installed as their pastor.

This Mr. Austin declined, but continued as in the past to support himself by his business during the week, and preach to them on Sabbath.

This arrangement continued until 1879, when his health failing from overwork, he removed to Alaska for relief.

His health improving, he entered the mission work in Alaska, and in connection with his daughter, Miss Linnie Austin, established and built up the Boys' Training School at Sitka. Under his lay ministry at Sitka a precious revival was had, in which forty-five were gathered into the Church.

When, therefore, Presbytery met and considered Mr. Austin's successful lay ministry of fifteen years in New York City and five years in Alaska, it seemed very appropriate to ordain him to the full work of the ministry.—*Stated Clerk*.

the Moderator was appointed a committee to confer with him concerning his ordination.

Presbytery took a recess until one o'clock.

Presbytery came together at one o'clock. Prayer by Rev. J. W. McFarland.

The Committee on Ordination recommended that the Presbytery proceed to ordain Mr. Alonzo E. Austin as an Evangelist, at 7 o'clock this evening; that Rev. Sheldon Jackson preside, preach the sermon and propound the constitutional questions; that the Rev. J. L. Gould deliver the charge to the Evangelist, and the Rev. E. S. Willard make the ordaining prayer.

The report was received and adopted.

The Rev. J. L. Gould reported from the Committee to prepare an address to the Government Officials, the following paper:

"To his Excellency Governor Kinkead, M. C. Hillyer, and Andrew J. Lewis, Commission on Alaska Affairs, as per section 12 of an act providing Civil Government for Alaska.

"We, the Presbytery of Alaska, in council assembled, respectfully beg to present for your consideration:

"That whereas our missionaries have during the last seven years been laboring for the civilization and education of the native people in this district, becoming acquainted with their habits, capacities, and needs, now having six stations, twenty-three ministers and teachers, and hundreds of pupils, with access to and influence with many hundreds of others;

"Therefore in your report to Congress, as per section 13, we would ask that you recommend such educational provisions as exist in other parts of the United States for native tribes, as indicated on pages 40 and 41 of Report of Indian Affairs for 1883

"Also, that all natives be recognized on the plane of citizenship, amenable to the same laws and penalties as other citizens.

"Further, that the natives be not deprived of salmon streams or other lands actually occupied by buildings or cultivation, but no lands be held as a reservation for their use, except as secured by other citizens under such provisions as may hereafter be made.

"Also, that the provisions of section 8 for 640 acres of land at stations now occupied by missions be recognized as wise and just, and that Congress be asked to make titles to the missions, as was done in the organic acts creating the Territories of Oregon and Washington."

The report was received and adopted.

It was moved and carried that pupils leaving one boarding school and applying for admission to another shall bring a regular certificate of dismissal; and that upon the expulsion, suspension, or running away of pupils the Superintendent shall notify the Superintendents of the other schools, in order that they may not be received elsewhere.

It was moved and carried that all parties living together as husband and wife shall be required to be married before being baptized, except in certain exigencies that may arise in the organization of churches.

The Board of Home Missions was recommended to pay Mrs. Sarah Dickinson the sum of one hundred dollars in full of all accounts as interpreter.

The Board of Home Missions was recommended to pay Louis Paul one hundred dollars as a full settlement of all claims for building mission house at Willard.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson was elected Stated Clerk, and Rev. S. Hall Young, Treasurer.

It was moved and carried that the assessment for the coming year for General Assembly and other expenses be ten cents per member.

Messrs. Willard, Young, and Gould were elected a standing committee on Home Missions.

Rev. J. W. McFarland was appointed a committee to prepare the narrative for the General Assembly.

It was moved and carried that the reports of the several missions be sent to the Committee on Narrative not later than January 15th, 1885.

Mr. Alonzo E. Austin was elected principal and Rev. J. Loomis Gould alternate Commissioner to represent the Presbytery in the next General Assembly.

It was moved and carried that the missionaries in charge of the several stations be requested to exercise care over natives visiting their bounds from other missions, and when necessary report concerning their conduct.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson was appointed a committee to adjust with the Board of Home Missions the date of Rev. J. W. McFarland's commission.

Presbytery took a recess until 7 o'clock.

At seven o'clock Presbytery proceeded to the ordination of Mr. Alonzo E. Austin as an evangelist. The services were conducted according to the arrangement which was adopted at the afternoon session, and in accordance with the requirements of Form of Government, chapter 15, sections 12 and 15.

Presbytery took a recess until 9 o'clock P. M.

At 9 o'clock Presbytery came to order in a room at Mr. Session's.

The Stated Clerk was directed to place Mr. Alonzo E. Austin's name on the ministerial roll of the Presbytery.

Rev. Alonzo E. Austin was recommended to the Board of Home Missions for appointment as missionary at Sitka, at a salary of \$1,200.

The chairman of the Committee on Historical Statement reported. The report as corrected and adopted is as follows: (See pages 1-8.)

It was moved and carried that each minister shall at his earliest convenience prepare and forward to Dr. Jackson a full history of his mission.

Moved and carried that the hearty thanks of the Presbytery be extended to the friends at Sitka for their hospitality.

The minutes of the proceedings were read and approved.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in the Presbyterian Church at Fort Wrangell on the fourth Thursday of June, 1885.

Concluded with prayer and the benediction.

SHELDON JACKSON, *Stated Clerk.*

Jackson, Alaska.

Oct. 1, 1884.

Dear Bro:-

Here is the night of the fourteenth day out snow, rain, hail or sleet, every day but one pulled against head winds.

All well, not time to write. Capt. Sprague is anxious to write you and get reply. So I offer Skultka \$5 as an extra stimulate, if he will meet the up steamer at Wrangel and await its return, that you may hear from Capt. S. and he from you on lumber.

Regards to friends,

Yours,

J.L. Gould.

Haines, Alaska.

Oct. 1, 1884.

Dr. Jackson,

Dear Bro:-

I am warned today by our first snow storm that I must be quick with my building or it will be full of snow.

I hope the two boxes sent by steamer Ross were not so poorly packed as to ruin or loose the contents. Miss Mathews is going to send a trunk to Miss Rankin, I will put your picture in it together with other articles marked. I have seen the silver-smith and ordered the ring for Mrs. Jackson.

You told me to remind you of the book "Life in Alaska" to be bound in half Russia or Turkey or whatever the name might be, I will do so now that I may not miss mine.

You have called the Home at Haines the Willard Home, I am going to recognize it as such as I think it no more than right that it should be named for Mrs. W. What do you think of my having letter heads struck off for the "Willard Home".

A large party of miners came out from the interior yesterday and report good diggings but short seasons, one of the party brought me a letter from Rev. Vincent C. Sims, missionary on the Mackenzie River but travelling on the Yukon and neighboring streams on a circuit of over 1000 miles. He is anxious that an evangelical missionary be sent to the mouth of the Yukon before the Roman Catholics get in next year.

We are all in pretty good health though Mrs. W. has had quite a bad cold for several days past.

Kindest regards and christian love from us all to yourself and Mrs. Jackson.

Fraternally,

Eugene S. Willard.

Hampton, Va.
 Normal School.
 Oct. 3, 1884.

Dear Gen. Armstrong:-

I herewith send copies of "grace before meals" as sung by students at Hampton for Rev. Sheldon Jackson. Have copied the music for two of them, the others are verses taken from hymns found in "Songs for the Sanctuary".

Very truly yours,
 R. H. Hamilton.

 Hampton, Va.

Dear Brother Jackson:-

Yours received. Please find enclosed reply.

God bless and keep you in your work for Alaska. Please send me what accounts you can of your success, always glad to hear from you and that you are doing well. What a privilege it is to work for men under the great Captain.

Yours sincerely,
 C. Armstrong.

 Roberts, Alaska.
 Oct. 5, 1884.

Dr. Sheldon Jackson:-

We hasten to inform you according to promise, that we have prospects of getting out the order of lumber that you favored us with, within another week. Fully one half is out, and as the mill with a new set of improved saw will increase the daily sawing considerable we can with confidence state that you may dispatch the schooner at any time and she will be loaded without delay. We remain

Respectfully,
 A. T. A. L. C.
 by I. B. Sprague.

 New York,
 Oct. 6, 1884.

Dear Dr. Jackson:-

The Government has just sent us contracts to sign for Sitka, 75 pupils at \$120 each per annum for 4 months beginning with July 1st, 1884. Please make out a bill at once for the amount due us that we may collect it as soon as possible. As usual we are fearfully short at this time of the year. After this contract the number of pupils will be 100 at \$120 each. Sec'y Teller is pushing us as hard as can be and wants to take Albuquerque from us and if we keep it allow us only \$100 for Utes, Pueblos and all kinds.

Mrs. Haines is back and tired and not very well. I have been all summer at my desk. Mrs. Kendall and Roberts will be gone all of Oct. Eaton is in Maine for a 3 weeks rest. I am doing what I can to run the machine which grows bigger every year.

I trust the dear Master is with you and yours in your persons and in your work.

Yours as ever,

O. E. Boyd.

P. S. January is Columbia Spend's time in the Monthly Concert, would you like Alaska set forth? If so write something.

Columbia, Pa.

Oct. 7, 1884.

Dear Doctor:-

I wrote you about three months ago stating that our Sunday had pledged itself to support a girl in your school for one year, that we had sent to the Treasurer of the Woman's M. M. Soc. \$40 on acc't for the Sitka school and would send \$60 additional before the year expires. I had hoped to have some word from you before this. You told the children if they would do this, they should receive a photograph of the girl, and a report from or of her every three months. I am embarrassed when they ask me "Why we have not heard from Alaska?" I am doing all I can to work up the missionary interests here, but I cannot afford to disappoint them. I know you have just entered upon the work anew and have manifold engagements in the care of the churches, and so I excuse to them your delay. Please let me hear from you soon. I am surprised and gratified at the interest the children are manifesting. They have the \$60 now ready but we will not send it at once for we have other projects on hand. You can count on the \$100 if you will only communicate with us. I am sorry to add to your pressure but you understand the situation.

We pray for the blessing of God upon yourself and your labors.

Cordially yours,

Geo. Wells Ely.

Boston, Mass.

Oct. 7, 1884.

My dear Dr. Jackson:-

Yes, we are home safely and hard at work with a higher inspiration and greater courage. Our Alaska trip was the crowning success of the great Madison movement, and all were enthusiastic over the scenes and experiences which your zeal and generalship brought within our observation and enjoyment.

You have the most cordial thanks of all who attended you on your mission to the Gentiles of the Northwest.

I will write today to Sec'y Teller, you are the man for that business and no other knows anything about it. Prest. Elijah Smith of the Or. Imp. Co. has written to me about Capt. Carroll and I have told him the truth about his crookedness alias cussedness. He may be bounced.

I send portraits with our best for your success in all your noble work and with much love and faith for you and Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. McFarland, Mr. and Mrs. Austin. I have lectured twice on Alaska to full houses. Everybody wants to know something about this far off land, now brought nigh by your splendid efforts in the main. I have two illustrated lectures ready to be given about Nov. 5th and later. I suppose you have daily papers from the East. Blaine is to be the next President of Alaska, raise the flag and blow the bugle, when you hear the good news confirmed by the official court.

Let me hear from you often. Send me portraits of Indian photographs, I want photos for my stereopticon slides, also anything else that will help me.

Sincerely,
T. W. R.

Pyramid Harbor, Alaska.
October 8, 1884.

Dr. Jackson,
Sir:-

I felt sorry I did not see you and your wife when you came to Chiloat. I went down on the wharf, when the steamer laid there, I could see no one.

I would like to know what I am going to do, whether I am to keep on or discontinue interpreting for Mr. Williams advised me to stop until I heard about it. I do not wish to disist in my labor of my own accord for when there is a fair wind blowing I will go over to the mission. I had no commission for the 4th year, I have been one year interpreting and received no money now word about it. I sent you a note last fall 12 months ago and received no answer.

I hope you and Mrs. Jackson are quite well and that you will like your new residence.

Wishing you every success in all your undertakings, I remain

Your sister in Christ,
Sarah Dickinson.

New York,
Oct. 17, 1884.

Dear Bro. Jackson:-

I am just back from a two weeks rest and will attend to your requests so far as I can.

The S. S. Missionary Society of the New Rochellech has paid us \$75 for the Alaska girls.

Please write or see that a letter is written to Miss Alice Sterling, New Rochellech, New York.

Yours truly,
O. D. Eaton,
Treas.

Hanover, Ind.
Oct. 17, 1884.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Sir:-

The package accompanying this note, containing mittens and stockings for the Indian school at Sitka is from a very old lady, Mrs. Janet Lee of this place. She is a warm friend of mission, made the articles herself, and sends them with her earnest good wishes and prayers. I am

Yours sincerely,
Mary M. Allen.

Rochester, N. Y.
Oct. 22, 1884.

Dr. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Sir:-

About two weeks ago the "Alaska Mission Band" of Calvary church sent \$25 (through Mrs. Chapin of this city) for half payment to support and educate an Indian boy at the mission school located in Sitka at \$50 per year. We would like to know the boy's name and all we can of him and if his teacher or you will write to us occasionally to let us know how he is getting along it would greatly oblige us, and can we send him clothing etc, if so how? We intend to send the remaining \$25 in time for the next half year. Any information in regard to the school etc would be thankfully received. By answering these questions you will greatly oblige

Yours truly,

V. A. Wickens, Sec'y

23 Cypress street.

Hampton, Va.
Oct. 22, 1884.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

Dear Sir:-

We are planning to give more space and force to Indian matters in the "Southern Workman" the paper we publish monthly at Hampton, a copy of which I send you. The Indian articles will be massed to make a distinct department in the paper under its special editor, and four pages will be devoted to it, beginning with the seventh page of the paper in our 12 page edition which runs through 8 months of the year, reduced in summer to 8 pages, when the Indian department may be proportionately reduced but not given up. The first of the four pages (a prominent page to which one naturally opens the paper as you will see) will be devoted to Indian editorials, the second to incidents of Indian life at Hampton, the third to abstracts of Indians reports of present and historical value, the fourth we hope to fill with facts from the field, letters from missionaries and agents, thoughts and suggestions from expert thinkers and workers in the Indian cause. We should be very glad to have contributions from you from time to time for this page. May we publish your name on our list of contributors for the coming year in the next (Dec.) number? We should be very glad to have you send us what you will in the way of statements, descriptions, thoughts or suggestions say as often as once in two or three months when you find it convenient allowing us to use them as we are able.

With this and other improvements we are planning for the Workman we believe that the paper will be an increasingly good medium for some of the best thoughts of workers in the Indian cause as well as the Negro's and on this ground take the liberty of asking for your valuable cooperation.

Hoping for a response at your earliest convenience, I am

Respectfully yours,
(Miss Helen W. Ludlow.
Assoc. Editor.

Salem, Oregon.
Oct. 24, 1884.

Dear Dr. Jackson:-

The Idaho sails tonight before the arrival down of Ancon so your orders are not on hand and cannot be filled before Dec. I send you the boiler ordered, it is the largest made, 80 gallons and is to be filled from our tanks. Put on a brick furnace, let the smoke and flame go inside the jacket. If not large enough will send another, if the ram is not large enough will send a mate.

Regards to all.

Ever yours,
E. W. Hill.

Southport, Conn.
Oct. 24, 1884.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
My dear Sir:-

In answer to your appeal for the building authorized by the Board of Home Missions we enclose check \$1000 dated Dec. 10th as we suppose it will not get back to the Board before that date.

The work must be very interesting and we are sure of success. Doubtless other friends will furnish the further amount you require.

Yours sincerely,
Elbert B. Monroe.

Haines, Alaska.
Oct. 27, 1884.

Dear Dr. Jackson:-

While they are finding a man and wife to take charge of the home here, they may as well find another teacher too, for I think I will go away in the summer on the first steamer that comes here. I ought to have gone this summer but I did not know it then. I wish I had been exchanged to Sitka. I did something wrong which spoiled my chances for usefulness here, and I must not stand in the way of some one who can do better. Will you write to the Board? or shall I? If you write and it is not necessary please do not say anything except that I will not stay longer perhaps than May or June. Of course I will refund my travelling expenses. When are you going East?

I will not write any longer I think till I hear from you.

Sincerely yours,
Bessie L. Mathews.

Harrisburg, Penn.
Oct. 28, 1884.

Rev. Dr. Sheldon Jackson:-
Dear Brother:-

About a month ago I received a letter from you stating that the Presbytery of Alaska had recommended me to the Board of Home Missions for the principalship of the Sitka schools, stating at the same time that the Board had been informed of said action on the same day.

I have been waiting for some notice from the Board but have received none. I write this to inform you that unless I am sent to Alaska this autumn I shall be compelled to decline the appointment, I remain

Fraternally yours,
A. J. Davis.

Syracuse, N. Y.
147 Salina St.
Oct. 29, 1884.

Dr. Sheldon Jackson:-

I write to you in the interests of the "Willard Mission Band" of this place. Our former secretary Mrs. Stephenson sent you a check for ten dollars early in July accompanied by a request that you expend that amount in "Alaska curios" baskets and table mats. She sent the letter to 23 Centre St. according to the advice of Mrs. Mann who said she was sure you would purchase what we desired, and that we would receive them by September. We have heard nothing since, and are beginning to feel very anxious to know in regard to it, so I write you again. Will you please write us soon as possible, that we may know whether you have received the amount and if so, whether you have forwarded the articles. If not will you do so directly.

Yours very truly,
Miss Mary B. Rogers.
Sec'y.

Haines, Alaska.
Oct. 30, 1884.

Dr. Jackson,

Dear Bro:-

I am afraid the rail ran has played off this month. I am sending Philip for it, he will hold the job in future or until something else turns up.

We have about three and a half feet of snow on the ground. Mrs W. is receiving additions to her Home nearly every day. Hope to have the school room ready for Miss Mathews by the first of the month.

In haste

Fraternally,
Eugene S. Willard.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Sitka, Alaska.

Please write for me as soon as possible all the ideas you would like to see embodied in a Thanksgiving Proclamation the first in Alaska and oblige.

A. T. Lewis.
Sec'y.

Referred to Dr. Sheldon Jackson for reply.
Rectory St. Paul's Church.
Tustin City, Cal.
Nov. 3, 1884.

To the
United States Collector,
Sitka, Alaska.

Dear Sir:-

An effort was made last year through one of the publications of the Episcopal Church in this country, to create an interest that should lead to the beginning of mission work by their church in Alaska.

It was stated that some such work was carried on by the clergy of the Church of England, the Rev. Mr. Kirkby having visited Fort Yukon in the spring of 1882, going through from Ft. Simpson.

It seems to me as little likely that anyone living in Sitka should know more of the natives near Ft. Yukon than could be expected of one living at Los Angeles to know of the tribes of the Upper still I venture to ask if you do happen to know anything about them, whether any mission work is being done in the interior and also if there is any way by which one on reaching Sitka, St. Paul, or Unalakleet could get transportation to Ft. Yukon.

Any information that you can give me concerning the southern portion of the territory and the natives occupying it or any reports or publications that you can refer me to from which such information can be obtained, will be very thankfully received by

Yours very truly,

John A. Mery.

Rector St. Paul's Church.

Boston, Mass.
Nov. 11, 1884.

Dear Mr. Jackson:-

I enclose some of my articles. Those which I have been unable to get as yet are one on the resources of the territory and one on the Sacramento Valley, Cal. which I don't know as you cared about. I am going to write some more especially on the missions and what they are doing, but politics have

occupied everything. I had a delightful trip on the Adams and after leaving San Francisco came up to Portland via Puget Sound, stopped with Mr. Ladd a week and spent a week along the N. P. R. R. I am going to try and go up on the Corwin next summer and I think it can be easily arranged especially as the Democratic ticket has been elected. I am thinking of leaving the Herald and going into business for myself, a mechanical contrivance which I took hold of a year ago and which will now require my hold time, but should I do so I shall make the Alaska trip all the same, if I can get the opportunity.

I wish you would send me any news in regard to your new school and its working for publication, also if you have an opportunity show the enclosed to Dr. Wyman and Lieut. Holles, if he is on the Pinta by this time. I sent Miss Dauphin a small package of pictures and have interested several parties in the cause, so that I think you will receive quite a number of things in a few weeks. If there is anything which you wish done in this city or any shopping, I am at your service and hope you will command me.

Please give my sincere regards to Mr. and Mrs. Austin and Miss Dauphin and your wife and accept my thanks for the courtesies which you so kindly extended to me during my stay.

Yours truly,

Walter G. Chase.

P. S. You had better address me at 22 Central St. Boston.

Salt Lake City, Utah.

Nov. 13, 1884.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Bro:-

Not having heard to the contrary I suppose you are in Alaska and therefore write to you both at Sitka and Fort Wrangel.

I find that Mrs. Coyner does not improve as we would like since her return from the East. Her trouble is largely nervous and the physicians say this altitude is too high for her. Our friends wish us to go to California but I believe the climate and quiet of Alaska would soon make her a sound woman and

is above all temporary considerations. Could you give us anything to do in connection with your educational work? You spoke last summer as though you could. If there is an opening give us all the particulars in regard to location, climate living expenses travelling expenses salaries etc. Our school here is full. I can arrange to leave here without injury to the school, but if we do not leave I prefer nothing said about this application.

Please let me hear from you as soon as possible for we dread the latter part of the winter here as Mrs. C. is always more nervous then.

Yours most kindly,
J. M. Coyner.

Bethlehem, Pa.
Nov. 13, 1884.

Rev. and dear Bro:-

Your letter of the 1st of Oct. was received a few days ago. At the time you wrote it our explorers had returned in good health and full of enthusiasm. They report favorably and we have determined to begin a mission next spring God willing if the necessary means can be raised. The two brethren have selected as its site Nuntrenlagamt on the Kuskokwim River, 160 miles from its mouth. The Alaska Commercial Co. instead of hindering showed the greatest kindness, sent them on their way by its boats free of charge and would not accept a cent for board at any of its trading posts. The exploration would have been impossible if it had not been for the help of this Company.

I am exceedingly sorry that you are in Alaska, because I reckoned fully on your aid in the negotiations which the inauguration of the work calls for. The case is this, we have made an estimate as far as this is possible and find that it will cost not less than \$6000 to found the mission. In addition to the journey, the principal cost will be occasioned by the purchase of a timber ready framed at San Francisco for a mission house and either of a sailing vessel or steam launch. Without such a vessel it is quite impossible to carry on the work. Now we propose to support the mission ourselves after it will have been founded, but we are utterly unable to raise in addition to the \$260,000 which our other mission cost us every year the \$6000 required for beginning this new one. We hope and indeed expect that the Christian churches of the N. L. will in view of all circumstances contribute this amount. Now I wish to ask your advice as to the best way of securing this money, although as your last letter was six weeks on the way it will be very late before I can have your answer, for we ought to begin at once to try and raise the amount. Nevertheless I would be glad to receive any suggestions and especially for any letters which will help us to secure it.

Another point is this, Is there any chance of getting aid from the Government for a school? You wrote in one of your letters that you expected to be appointed Commissioner of schools and would give us one. I have heard nothing further about this case. As regards your request to send you photographs I would say that Mr. Hartman took a large number from which beautiful pictures have been turned out; but I am at a loss whether to send you a complete set, numbering I believe about one hundred. They would have to be sent in a number of

packages. The photographs are finished only in part as yet, but will soon be ready.

We have the men to begin the mission, there is no difficulty on that score. Young Weinland, one of the explorers has offered to go, so has the young lady to whom he is engaged. Totu Rillbuck our Indian graduate is very anxious to accompany him and the young lady whom he is to marry is full of enthusiasm at the thought of laboring in Alaska and last not but least Mr. Hartman himself is not only ready but extremely eager to be one of the missionary corps, and this very evening I received a few lines from Mrs Hartman urging me to appoint her husband and saying that she would rejoice to go with him. All we want is the \$6000 from the churches of the N. L. I

I am rejoiced to hear of the progress of your work at Sitka.

Mrs. G. begs to be remembered to you and, I remain
Yours very fraternally,

E. A. Schweinitz.

-----Bishop of Moravian Church.

New York, N. Y.

Nov. 25, 1884.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

Dear Bro:-

I am in receipt of \$50 today for a church in Alaska from a Sabbath school and the request that a letter be sent from the ch. aided as they have none to give. I understand that your church at Sitka is being repaired, would you kindly write a short letter and we will send it to this school. How are you up in that cold region? Would like very much to get a glimpse of you as we used to do at 23 Centre st. Trust you may be greatly prospered in your noble work for Alaska.

With kind regards for Mr. Brady.

Yours very truly,

Henry R. Wilson, Jr.

Boston, Mass.

Nov. 23, 1884.

Dear Mrs. Joseph Cook:-

I have been putting a question to Miss Farnsworth of Mt. Vernon st. and she has referred me to you for an answer.

My mother intends to have a sale in February or March for the benefit of the Alaskan Indians. I want to ask three things of you.

1st. What particular town or missionary in Alaska is most worthy of a donation?

2nd. How, and to whom in Alaskan such a sum be transmitted?

ed safely and surely?

3th. Would you be willing to add the influence of your name to such a little effort?

I know Mr. Cook has spoken in Park St. church on Alaska. I know you have correspondence with Alaskan missionaries. You may possibly remember me as a fellow teacher of the Chinese in the Mt. Vernon church. My mother has been an appreciative listener at Mr. Cook's lectures and at the Bellevue and a reader of the reports. She is an old time abolitionist and intimate friend of Phillips and Garrison, and says the indifference and opposition to the Indian cause brings up the ghost of the antislavery times, when they threatened to rob my father in New Orleans if she didn't hold her peace about the negroes.

Mrs. Maria Weston Chapman has brought mother a model of Cleopatra's needle for the sale. I think you would remember my mother with her white curls if you saw her.

Sincerely yours,
Melicent Jarvis.

102 Boylston st.

Trenton, New Jersey.
Nov. 28, 1884.

Dr. Sheldon Jackson,
Sitka, Alaska.

Dear Sir:-

I want to ask your advice about contributing to Mrs. Young's school in Alaska. One year ago she was in Trenton in the 4th Pres. Church and told us of her work and several ladies were very much interested in it and the result was, enough money was raised for a scholarship. This year or fall I heard some very strange things in reference to her and her work, and we are very desirous of finding out from some one who has been to Alaska, if she is doing good missionary work there, because if she is not we would much prefer sending and giving our money where it would do good. We feel there are too many necessary demands for our money to give one cent in the wrong direction. Shall be very thankful if you will kindly let me know what you can about this matter, I remain

Very truly yours,
Mrs. James Moses.

65 Clinton Ave.

Portland,
Nov. 29, 1884.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.
Supt. of Jackson Institute,
Sitka, Alaska.

Dear Brother:-

Your kind letters of 8th and 15th inst. were received and read with interest. They accord with my convictions of the work needed among the Aleuts and their neighbors. I am glad to know that the Hon. Com. of Indian Affairs approves of this plan and proposes to help it. In fact my reports to New York and to Washington commend the Institute which you have in charge as almost the only effective plan of work for the Kachikof tribe. The Kachikof colony is admirable in its way. The Hampton, Carlisle, and Forest Grove Indian Industrial schools have the same essential qualities. I see not why this system may not solve the Indian problem and save a fair section of that race, if whiskey and bad men are kept away. Change of politics may seriously interrupt the working of the plan. Annual appropriations may be smaller and control of Gov't may be more incisive and intensive as well. For best permanent results the Christian aim and spirit must control the Institutions but how, when the cry for places is heard all along the line? I hope your growing school will be well sustained and its pupils be fitted for life's best work. I have admired your heroic push of the enterprise so far on and up to independence. I hope that you and Mrs. J. will have a pleasant winter and gain much for the cause by your joint work in it.

I desire cordial remembrances to all the mission families whom I met including yourself especially. I thank you for the facts in your letters, all of which are used and referred to our head office.

With kind regards to young Walker, the carpenter and to the scholars whom we met at Sitka and any items from you or your region will be of value to me.

Yours in the Gospel,

G. H. Atkinson.

Supt. N. W. Ter. (Congregational).

Thanksgiving Day.

Dear Friend:-

I have borrowed your eldest to help us keep holiday. Daisy is sitting on the sofa by one of our friends and Jessie is giving us a reading from Pickwick. The two girls have I think laughed all the time except when they were asleep. I am sorry the vacation is so short. We are all well. I hope Mrs. Jackson is not missing her girls too much. How do the buildings progress. If you come east next summer let us see you. I wish you were in full charge of missionary affairs at Alaska. I think the church would feel more confidence in the expendi-

ture of funds and the preservation of harmony if we had one head up there, and that one who know the field as well as you do. What about openings for business in or near Sitka. John wants to strike out of the Sec'y Corps and work up something else. At his age he wants to be on the line of establishing himself in a home of his own.

With good wishes.

Julia M. Wright.

Salem, Oregon.

Dec. 2, 1884.

Dear Dr. Jackson:-

I confess I do not like to refuse your requisition as I have done in yesterday's letter, but what can I do? Orders are positive. You have overdrawn the building fund. I have only \$20 to its credit and even that is reported to N. Y. as paid to W. and M. on account of Sitka school. I have no option and yet I know you need everything on requisition which belongs to the building proper. I will try to have all on Jan. steamer if the Board will permit. The Board cries out against the cost, \$1495.38 freight last month \$364.13 this and little chance for rebate although I am trying hard to get one. I have not heard about furnace from N. Y. nor about that furniture.

Write McLeod if you need him.

Every yours,

F. W. Hill.

Roseton, Mass.

Dec. 3, 1884.

My dear Dr. Jackson:-

Alaska is in my thoughts tonight as I am refreshing my mind for two lectures next week on "The land of the Midnight Sun" and when Alaska comes up you are also upper most, for you have done more than all others to bring the land and its people to the thought of the world. Our trip was a wonderful one and I shall never cease my gratitude to you, that you opened the way and led the enterprise to such a successful issue last summer. All were delighted with the journey and have the most enthusiastic words for all that was seen and heard. I have lectured 3 times and have 4 appointments now in hand. I have 70 slides for a stenoptican lecture and Black illustrates for me. As you have the Journal you see that I am stealing your descriptions of the north from Puget Sound to Alaska. I was so driven with work that I could not spare time to look the route up, hence the steal. Shall write my own letters from this on and shall give you and yours a good place. How much I admire your self-sacrifice for that far off

people. I am talking of you and Mrs. McFarland and two of my slides contain your portraits and I get eloquent over those. I wish you would buy me such photographic pictures as will help me in illustrating Alaska and her people; also any articles of the curio kind that will be of value to me. I have got a good totem(Stem)

Fest wishes to Mrs. J. , Mrs. M. and your associates at Sitka. We often think and talk about and pray for you. Write me when it is convenient for you.

Sincerely,

T. W. Bicknell.

P. S. That will a Demo. Ad. do for Alaska, Eaton may have to go, so it is talked here.

Boston, Mass.

Dec. 3, 1884.

Dear Mrs. Cook:-

Will you kindly send word to Dr. Sheldon Jackson that I cannot carry out the scheme of helping the Alaskans. Perhaps you can send my letter and that will save you trouble. You see dear Mrs. Cook I have reckoned without my host, Dr. Witherow. The sale must be in his church vestry, we belong to his church. It is the Indian cause at large that we have at heart and Dr. Witherow says he wishes the proceeds of this sale for a certain Indian school house under the Congregational Board (Mr. Riggs I think) He says there is no use scattering our interests too much, that it is the Presbyterians who have taken up the Alaskans. The Alaskans were my mother's scheme, she has read of them and sent a little personal contribution through the Moravians (Bethlehem, Pa.) I feel as if I had made a false move at chess and hope you will excuse it and still be interested in our little February sale in Park st. vestry. I hope too I have not disappointed Mr. Jackson. Anyway we are too feeble a folk to stand alone, but can effect something with others.

Sincerely,

H. Jarvis.

102 Boyeston St.

Portland, Oregon.

Dec. 3, 1884.

Dear Dr. Jackson:-

I have sent you all you ordered except pipe I do this because I know it to be absolutely necessary before winter shuts you up. Most of the bills are for you to pay out of any money you have on hand. I pay only one bill as I have

nothing in least whatever. I hope this will help you out. Next time I hope to send all else you ask for.

Yours,
R. W. Hill.

Santa Fe, N. M.
Dec. 4, 1884.

My dear Dr. Jackson:-

I don't know which will be the most surprised, you when you see this or I that I have written.

But within the last month or two you have been much laid on my heart at times for prayer. I have felt you must be in a good deal of trial in some way and perhaps it would be of some comfort to know the spirit was stirring up anyone to intercede for you and your work. A belated copy of the Miss. Review has just reached me and I've been reading it today. I am wondering if you see it, and if not if you would care to do so occasionally. I will venture to send this anyway.

Mr. Wilder is doing a kind of work for which he will get small blessing from men but the Lord will not forget to reward him in the day of rewards for services. I suppose I don't know (I haven't been able to get sister Haines private car to make inquiries) that you went up to Alaska to straighten out some of the crooked things. I am amazed when I see the unvision and the want of consecration in most of God's servants that anything is accomplished in hastening the coming of the Lord. But when I read a few pages of the reports in the Review I thank God that behind such that is unworthy and unfruitful there is somewhat of another kind. He can bless and that when He can He is delighted to bless and prosper that He will accept and use even least things. David made no mistake when he wrote "Truly the Lord is good."

I have a great interest in Mr. Holod but perhaps I should ask no questions. I do hope the mill will prove an efficient help to the work by helping to build houses and churches.

Very sincerely yours in the love of our Lord,
Helen A. Dodge.

United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.
Dec. 5, 1884.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Sitka, Alaska.

My dear Sir:

Your letter of Nov. 14th has been received. I do not anticipate that there will be any legislation in relation

to Alaska except in the way of appropriations at this session of Congress, and if there should be, I will look after the missions stations.

Very truly yours,
Benj. Harrison.

House of Representatives.
Washington, D. C.
Dec. 5, 1884.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.
Dear Sir:-

I have your letter of Nov. 14th which came yesterday. Dr. Kendall and Mr. Boyd came last evening and I spent the forenoon with them at the Interior Department with Comer. Price, Mr. Eaton and Sec'y Teller. I got a grand chance to put in a good one for you for the Superintendency and so I did it. The Sec'y said that there was another Presbyterian asking for it, I told him yes I knew all about it, that he was being pushed by Dr. L. and that he was not the man for such a place though a very excellent man; Boyd added that the Board did not want him, and Kendall said that he was not going to get into the fight, but that Young was not the man for the place. It was not planned or anticipated and it did come in admirably. I told him I would back you for business ability and executive qualities etc. I also spoke to him about the Conalasha matter. Comer. Price had send us your letter of Nov. 14th. Whilst in the building I went into the land office to see about the mission land, the Deputy Corner. advised that you formally lay claim to the land around the missionary stations to the amount of 640 acres, that if possible you stake it or fence it, and it would be well to do it in the presence of witnesses, that you file a notification with the Surveyor General. He should come and survey the land, you should file with him proof of occupancy when the law went into effect. The documents he should send on to the Comer. who adjudicates and issues patents, but of course no patent can be issued now as the law is not complete, but it is evidently the intention to follow the plan adopted in Washington and Oregon territories. But the Commissioner thinks you should take formally, the land you claim in presence of witnesses and notify the Surveyor General and send proof of occupancy.

We are very busy and very happy. Mrs. James is well. I am sorry that neither Johnson nor I can send the Record this session. I will next to reserve a copy for you next winter, if you want it at that time, mine go to public journals and libraries, mostly. I was re-elected with 7,125 majority three times the majority of my first election.

Mrs. James sends her regards, she says she goes to Bal-

sinore on Friday to try to stir up some interest in Home Missions.

Yours,
D. R. Jones.

U. S. Senate Chamber.

Washington, D. C.

Dec. 6, 1884.

Dear Sir:-

I have your note of Nov. 14th and shall continue to give as liberally to education and missions as my means will afford.

I suppose you have written to Mr. Dawes, and also that the Secretary of the Interior will submit the necessary recommendations in the case of the mission stations, but I will transfer your letter to the former.

Yours truly,
Jas. R. Hawley.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Sitka, Alaska.

Fort Wrangel, Alaska.

Dec. 8, 1884.

Dear Dr. Jackson:-

This will introduce to you Peter Katang, a member of my church. He takes to Sitka a contribution from the Stick-ins to defray the expenses of the trial of his cousin Kye, indicted for murder. Peter is desirous of finding work to defray his expenses while waiting at Sitka. If you can employ him I think you will find him faithful. He is used to tools.

I had an exceedingly rough, hard time of it going to Tongas. Was three weeks in reaching Fort Simpson and five and a half weeks absent from Ft. W. Got Willie and Louie safely established and held full conferences at Tongas and Cape Fox. These two towns and some of the Kasaan Indians are fully resolved to unite to build a new mission town in a new place if we will put up the church there, for which the lumber is ready at Ft. S. Mr. Crosby was absent but had left the bill and subscription paper to put in my hands. The mission promises well and the people appear in earnest. I took some of our boys along half way, and they killed sixty-six deers. We have a good supply of venison for the winter. But the home coming was dreadful. I had not heard a word from Ft. W. during my absence and on entering my house at daylight after an all night's run I found that Mrs. Kellogg my dear mother-in-law had died five days before and her body was awaiting my arrival for

burial. It was a great shock. My poor wife was completely prostrated. Mother K. had watched and longed for my coming to the day of her death, Sat. the 23rd. We buried her Sat. the 30th. It was all very sad and dreary and has cast a gloom over us all.

My mission is doing well.

Kindest regards to Mrs. Jackson and the other friends.

Faithfully,

S. Hall Young.

23 Centre st, New York.

Dec. 11, 1884.

Dear Bro. Jackson:-

At our late meeting we acted on the matter referred to us by the Presbytery of Alaska, some were granted and more were put over, some for one reason and some for another.

1. As to the Sitka school, we have appointed Mr. Davis, Principal. He will go up by the Jan. steamer if possible but I fear he will fail to make it. As to any other teachers we told him to tell us what he wants, when he gets there. I doubted whether the building would be ready for really effective work before spring.

Your requisition has gone on to Washington, have had no response.

We have been greatly tied up because we can get no light from Dr. Phares or Mrs. Haines. The former has been at death's door for weeks and cannot get leave his house.

As to schools among the Hannagahs and Killisnoos and the teacher at Wrangel and laid over to see, what the Gov't would do about the schools.

Gen'l Eaton says he has written you to come on and help things in Feb. if you come we can confer with you more fully.

McLeod reports the mill as "running thank God" Now let us see what it can do.

The compliments of the season to yourself and Mrs. Jackson.

Yours truly,

H. Kendall.

Harrisburg, Pa.

Dec. 12, 1884.

Dr. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Brother:-

The decision is that two teachers are to accompany me to Sitka in February. The Committee may postpone the departure of the lady teachers to one and several months later.

I learn you are coming here in January. Please call and

see me as I am anxious to confer with you before I go. I am not entirely pleased with the aspect of affairs, and shall confide to you my apprehensions when I meet you.

I trust all may turn out satisfactorily in the end.

Respectfully yours,
A. J. Davis.

Clifton Springs, N. Y.
Dec. 15, 1884.

Dear Mrs. Jackson:)

I am just thoroughly ashamed of myself for not writing to you or Dr. Jackson or any of the Alaska friends for so long, but I am ever ever so much obliged to you for your letter and for these beautiful messages Rudolph's and Carl's note have come too, enclosed with a few lines from Mrs. Austin. Now will you please explain to her and Mrs. McFarland and Miss Dauphin from whom also I have heard (and picture received) how it is I have forgetful. After parting with your dear girls at Portland, Carrie and I took steamer for San Francisco and spent a fortnight in California, going a little below Los Angeles; then we were as long in Utah and in some way she had some symptoms of mountain fever and I was rather out of sorts and did not stop long in Colorado. October and a part of November I was much away from home, vibrating from Philadelphia and Boston back to Indiana, Illinois and Ohio etc. and you know how letter-writing not immediately pressing is neglected in such "changes of base" About a month ago not finding myself improving I came here to Clifton Springs and was advised to be as lazy as possible, but tomorrow I hope to go home (N. Y.). Every where people seem so much interested to hear about Alaska and the missions there, although I give very simple and informal report of some of the facts of various kinds, when I want to make a grand climax I say that the testimony of our ships company was that Dr. Sheldon Jackson had never exaggerated in his statements either as to the scenery or the need of mission effort. We miss him very much.

We do not know what the outlook as to appropriations will be, with new administration.

I sent a "Blazar" with some accounts of glove making. Perhaps Mr. Anders has obtained for you some patterns from Gloversville. I have the promise of one for cloth or mittens. Among other industries it may be you could introduce the making of coarse gloves and mittens.

Dr. Kendall wrote me the other day they had commissioned Mr. Davis for Sitka. I answered that Dr. Jackson had spoken of him so highly for the position there and I thought it a good move, and that Mr. Davis had select his own assistants, subject to usual approval of the Board of M. I. It has been trying for us as well as doubly so for you to have delay as

to your receiving money. Special attention I am glad to report is being given to meeting obligations in time and in regard to gifts for special objects. I hope Mrs. McFarland is getting on comfortably, one can imagine there may be difficulties in adjusting the new arrangements.

I hope you dear friend are feeling stronger. It seemed so strange to have you both there. If I were at home Carrie would certainly send much love to you. We both thank Dr. Jackson for encouraging us to take the journey, we both enjoyed so much and I really think the actual knowledge gained has been and will be of service to our work. You have probably heard how sick poor Dr. Phraner has been confined to his bed for six weeks with a carbuncle with life in danger, but I hear he is now able to ride out. If I can do anything at any time for Daisy or Messy I hope they will let me know.

Your letter is in New York and I do not remember just now any special questions.

With cordial respect to my dear friend Dr. Jackson,

Yours ever affectionately,

F. W. H. Haines.

Sec'y.

Princeton, N. J.
Dec. 16, 1884.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
My dear Sir:-

At last, after great delay the Dept. at Washington have passed the boxes of curios. The bill I had to pay for storage amounted to nearly as much as the freight from San Francisco. The most of them arrived in good order, but the boxes of earthen ware was a sad wreck, not from want of packing material but from ignorance as to how to use it. However Mr. Hill is struggling with the remains and will I have no doubt, get some of them at least into a presentable condition. They will form an exceedingly interesting addition to our already rich collection. Allow me to thank you most heartily for the repeated evidences of your interest in the Museum and your energy in collecting such relics, which must before very long become quite rare and valuable. When you come back to the U. S. proper if you can spare time to come to Princeton I should be very glad to entertain you at my house and shall be pleased to see you at any time.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours very truly,

William Libbey, Jr.

Director.

New York.
Dec. 12, 1884.

Dear Bro. Jackson:-

Enclosed please find check for travelling expenses. The enclosed bills came to us without a word of explanation, consequently I cannot pay them even if I had the means. We have been terribly pressed for funds and are about \$245,000 in debt. I have paid about \$3000 on your Sitka building for bills incurred at Portland including freight, consequently have not been able to send anything to you. You are better off than any of the missions on this side of this Pacific coast.

I would be glad to write you about many matters but you know how hard I am pressed. Our school account is \$60,000 in debt and the school committee directed Mr. Hill to forward to N. Y. all requisitions for the Sitka building. I deeply regret the necessity of such action, but we cannot borrow the money needed for the work.

Davis expects to go up on the Feb. steamer.

Yours truly,
G. D. Eaton.
Treas.

Harrisburg, Pa.
Dec. 20, 1884.

Dr. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Friend:-

I learn that Jan. boat leaves Port Townsend as late as the 29th. In that case I can go on it. Can I meet you at Port Townsend? There are many things that I must learn from you. I shall leave New York about Jan. 19th or 20th. The committee think it best not to send the assistants until later. Do you think I can accomplish much alone?

Very truly,
A. J. Davis.

West Philadelphia, Pa.
Dec. 22, 1884.

Dr. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Sir:-

I feel gratified that I can address one who thinks it an imperative duty to take a lively interest in the pioneer work of the great west, for the element concerning the interest of Alaska appears to be limited, my opinion is that it would be policy for the Government to take more interest in the welfare of the inhabitation of that country, it is a great undertaking for individuals to accomplish if the money that has been expended for fitting out and exploring the arctic

regions it would of been more beneficial. I should have loved to have heard your address at the Westminster Presbyterian church for I am not very well posted in regard to the resources of the country nor the character and condition of people and also, physical intellect and moral capacity and how susceptible they would be to cultivation. I would like to see the valley of the Yukon river thoroughly explored and to learn the quality of the soil and to know whether it would answer for grazing without the help of the root crop to top out with. I believe there should be four towns founded in addition to Sitka 20 or 30 miles up the Yukon river, one at the junction, one above Bering - straight in the coal regions that should be called the Arctic City and one near the Mountains that are the most productive for there mineral productions. I believe the Rocky Mountain goat could be raised to advantage in the northern part of the county for it only comes down to the snow line on the Rocky Mountains and as the coal is abundant above the Bering - Straight and access to it easy and berries plenty and fish good it would afford a town. I live in West Philadelphia I want you to write to me and let me know if there is not a newspaper printed at Sitka and if there is I would like to see a specimen. I would send you some Philadelphia papers occasionally. I do not want you to think strange for writing to you for I see very little very little attention paid concerning the interest of Alaska. I would like to see the rules and regulations in a better shape. My address is, West Philadelphia,

324 34th, Pa.

Yours truly,
Jonas Fell.

Haines, Alaska.

Dec. 22, 1884.

My dear ones at home:-

Our hearts go out in deep and joyous thankfulness for all His loving kindness, sure it is great.

We are to have a Christmas tree for the people on Monday evening and there are about one hundred and fifty presents yet to fix and our mail to get off, so my letter will be short.

I do not often refer to my longing for home because I fear you may think me discontented or home sick, we are not that at all, but Oh what would we not give to be clasped to you again, to kneel with you about the old home altar and go with you to the old home church and listen to the same sweet story we are trying to tell here. It is not so cold now, but we have had Oh so much snow, though it melts again, so it is so two or three feet on the ground. The little folks without snow shoes come trudging to school with their one loose garment on,

going down in snow to their arm-pits sometimes. They could have plenty of fur clothing but they want to get strong. However they are very differently clothed now from what they were when we first came and some of them have nice clothes.

While Mr. Willard and I were busy in the study, the girls were writing by themselves in the sitting room. I knew nothing about it till they brought their notes to me, wishing me to see them before they sent them. I asked them to give them to me just as they were written, and write others for the boys. They had had trouble in the school last week, the boys were naughty. Adam is a nice boy about eleven or twelve, is Ann's brother. Willis is Fanny's cousin and the girls are very much concerned about them, that they should be good boys. Mark is about the same age, a son of Alanot. I send their notes that you may see something of what those girls have learned. They did not know a word of English when they came to live with us, and Ann never tried to form a letter till this fall (without the least help from anyone) these notes are of their own impulse, diction, spelling and writing. Ann's note to Willis has been mislaid so I will send in its place a letter she wrote in some way to Mrs. Trase, the lady for whom she was named. I would like to have them published in the Home Missionary because they are genuine. I know that they have had some that were not. This can be omitted.

Yours lovingly,
Carrie Willard.

New Castle, Pa.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Brother:-

Yours of Feb. 4th received and in compliance have copied letter. Will you be kind enough to mail the enclosed letter already addressed, the note to Mrs. McClintock.

Yours truly,
A. White.

New York.
Dec. 27, 1884.

Dear Dr. Jackson:-

The grants to Alaska on the 23rd were:

Sitka	various bills etc-----	\$1313.60
Hoonyah	" "-----	\$36.40
Chilcats	" " freight-----	\$263.31
Hydahs	" "-----	\$12.80
Dr. McFarland's travelling expenses	-----	\$92.00
A. J. Davis, Supt. salary-----		\$1500.00

Yours as ever,
O. E. Boyd.

Haines, Alaska.
Dec. 29, 1884.

Dr. Jackson,

Dear Friend:-

If you have not already written to the Board concerning my going away next summer you need not write for I will remain. I am perfectly contented to stay and I think it is all right.

School is doing very well, though there are not so many in attendance as I would like. Most of the upper villagers come, and those who belong in these lower places are so scattered some at the other villages and some at each of the canneries.

I suppose Mr. Willard will tell you of the Home, they now have seventeen children, twelve boys and five girls. A new boy came yesterday. I think we have such nice boys, and some of the girls are very nice too, but I think the boys are so much brighter than the girls. They seem to learn everything more quickly. Two of the boys Paul and Henry eleven years old, I think have done especially well. When the school commenced a year ago they did not know anything except the alphabet and some of the little words of two letters, and now they can read quite readily in words of four or five letters and write their spelling lesson on the blackboard as the words are given out to them; and are good in their Arithmetic lesson. I think they are very bright. I do not believe any white child could have done better, some of the others boys have done well too. These boys scarcely came to school till they came to stay in the Home which was not a year ago. I asked Clanot our second chief to let us have his nephew a boy to whom I have given my brother's name. I did not think he would do it at all and perhaps he will not, but he said to "wait", he had two Eddie and a cousin of Eddie's Paul, he said he wanted them to go with him to the Stick country, then they should both come. Clanot is the father of Louise who is with Mrs. McFarland.

We have had cold weather though it has been clear and sunny.

We had such a pleasant happy Christmas, did not have anything for the villagers and I do not know but that they are better satisfied than they were last year when we had a tree for them in the school room. The gifts were given to our own Home children just after breakfast, and they had the day to enjoy them. I suppose the keeping of Christmas in Sitka even if confined to the Home children is a much more cumbersome affair where so many are to be looked after in the way of presents. I have often wished we had a boys here among our Chilcat boys like Lonnie Austin. I think the influence he has

brought to bear on the civilization of the Sitka boys cannot be easily estimated and only for good too I think.

I will close with regards to all.

Sincerely yours,

Bessie L. Mathews.

P. S. Dr. will you please send me my letter I want it. I mean the one in reference to going home, and please say nothing about it except to myself.

B. L. M.

Salem, Oregon.

Dec. 29, 1884.

Dear Dr. Jackson:-

The steamer only stopped one day (Saturday) in Portland, and it has been impossible to fill any orders. I telegraphed W. & W. to send 50 aka flour if possible, but I anticipate orders to you from N. Y. by this steamer so that next time everything can be sent. The Board is absolutely penniless. Tell McLeod I will send him some money by next steamer. The one window sent last steamer by W. & W. Beach & Co. was sent as asked for on the requisition, the other mistakes they are responsible for. If you need a single sash for such large window you should say so.

Faithfully,

E. W. Hill.

